

WHISPERED WORDS

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TAKASHI IKEDA

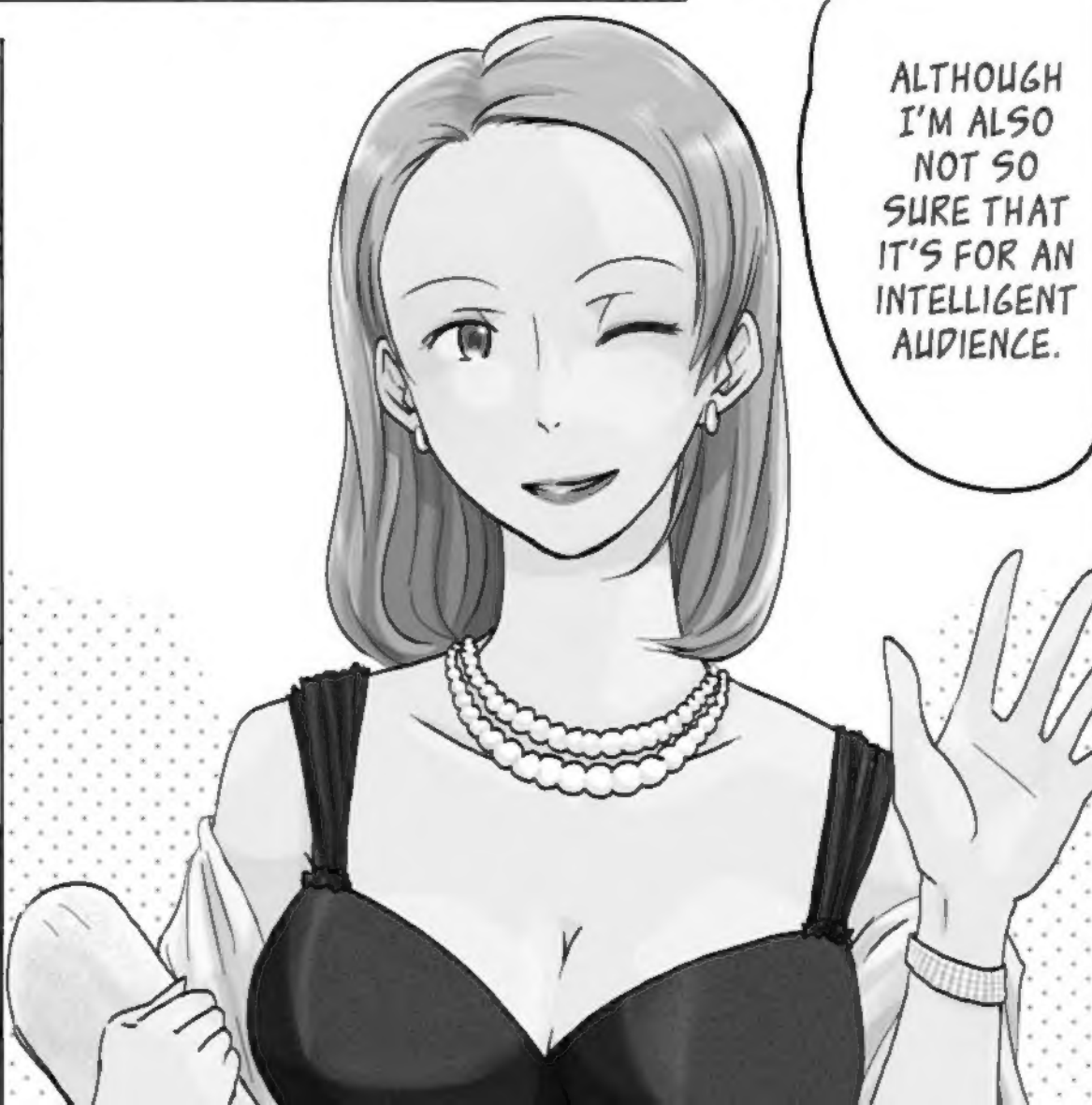


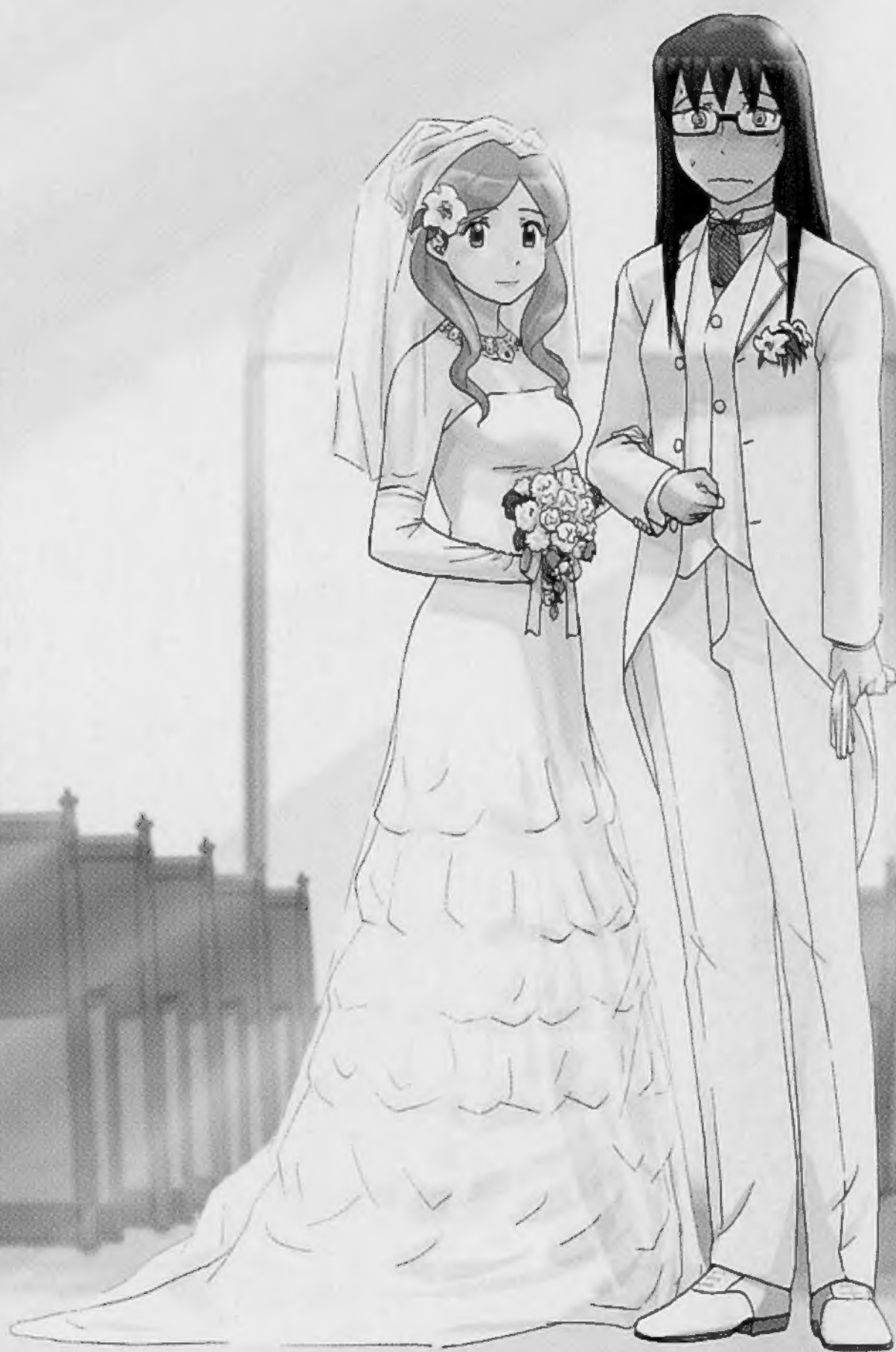
A grayscale architectural line drawing of a modern building. The scene is viewed from a high angle, looking down at a wide, light-colored walkway or plaza. To the left, a dark, angular architectural element, possibly a ramp or a wall, extends from the top left towards the center. In the upper right, a series of rectangular windows or openings are visible in a building facade. In the lower right, a wide staircase with many steps leads down towards the bottom right corner. The overall style is minimalist and geometric, with strong lines and a sense of depth.

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part thirty-five ~spring evening~

WHERE'RE THE
SOUVENIRS?
MY PRESENTS!



WELCOME
HOME, KOI!



OH, IT'S
MAYU...

まあ、
まだ

YEAH,
IT WAS
FUN!

PRESENTS!
PRESENTS!

おみやげ!
おみやげ!

OH, HI-
THERE,
MAYU.

まあ、
まだ

WEL-
COME
HOME,

KOI. HOW
WAS THE
PARTY?



SO KOI,
I'M...

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THEY'RE
HOMEMADE!

JUST KID-
DING, HERE
ARE SOME
SNACKS.

NOOOOO!

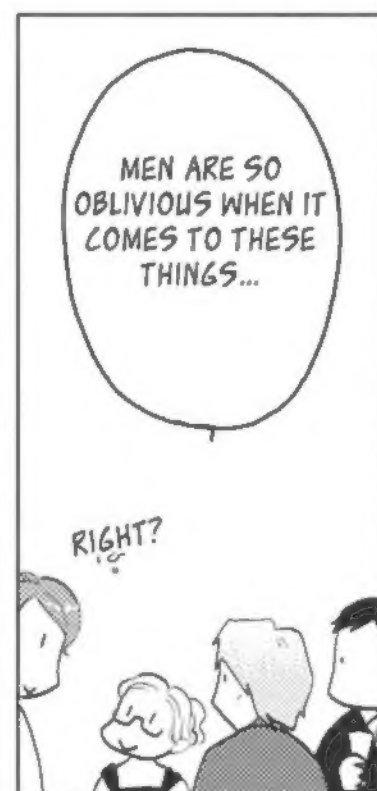
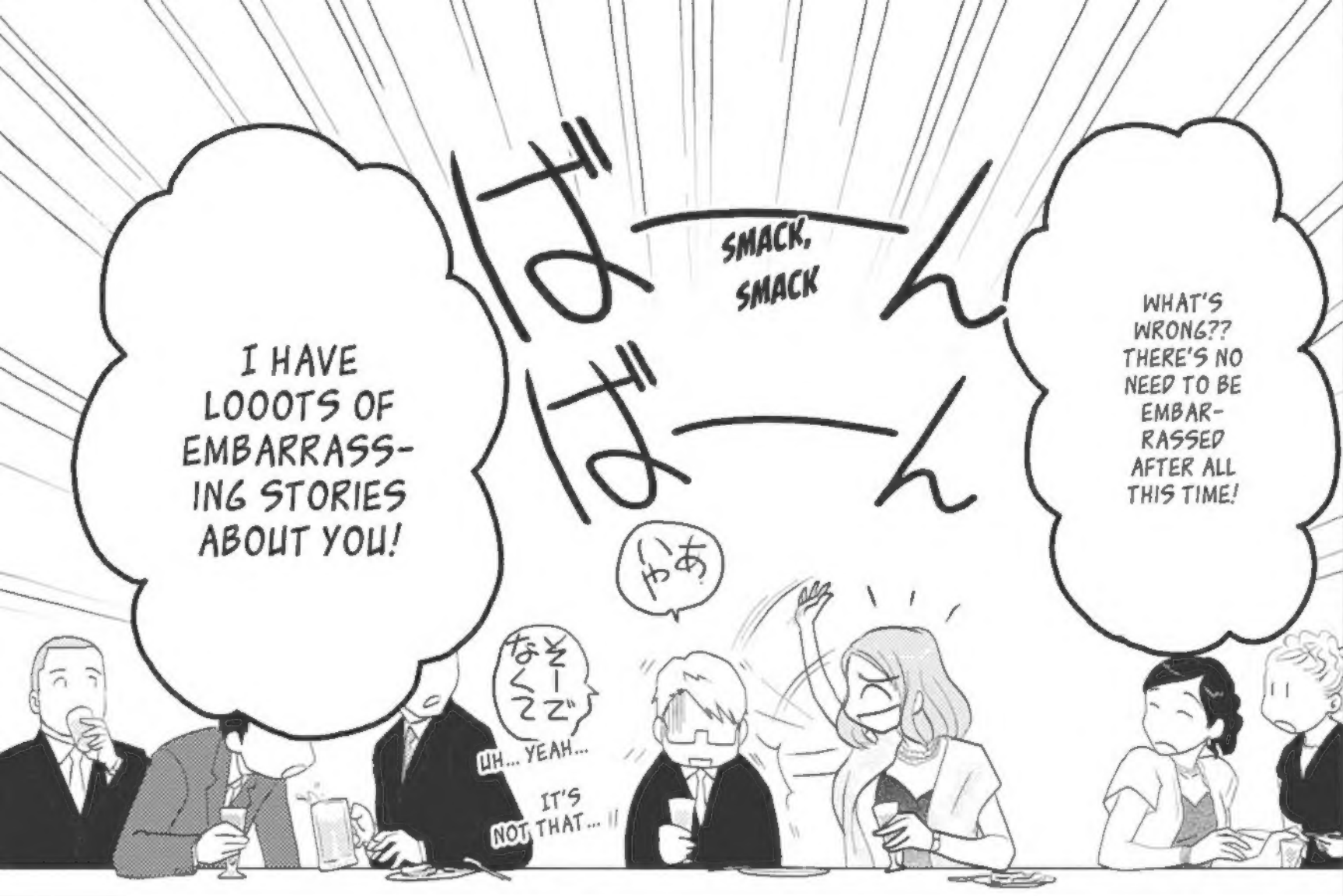


NOOOOO!

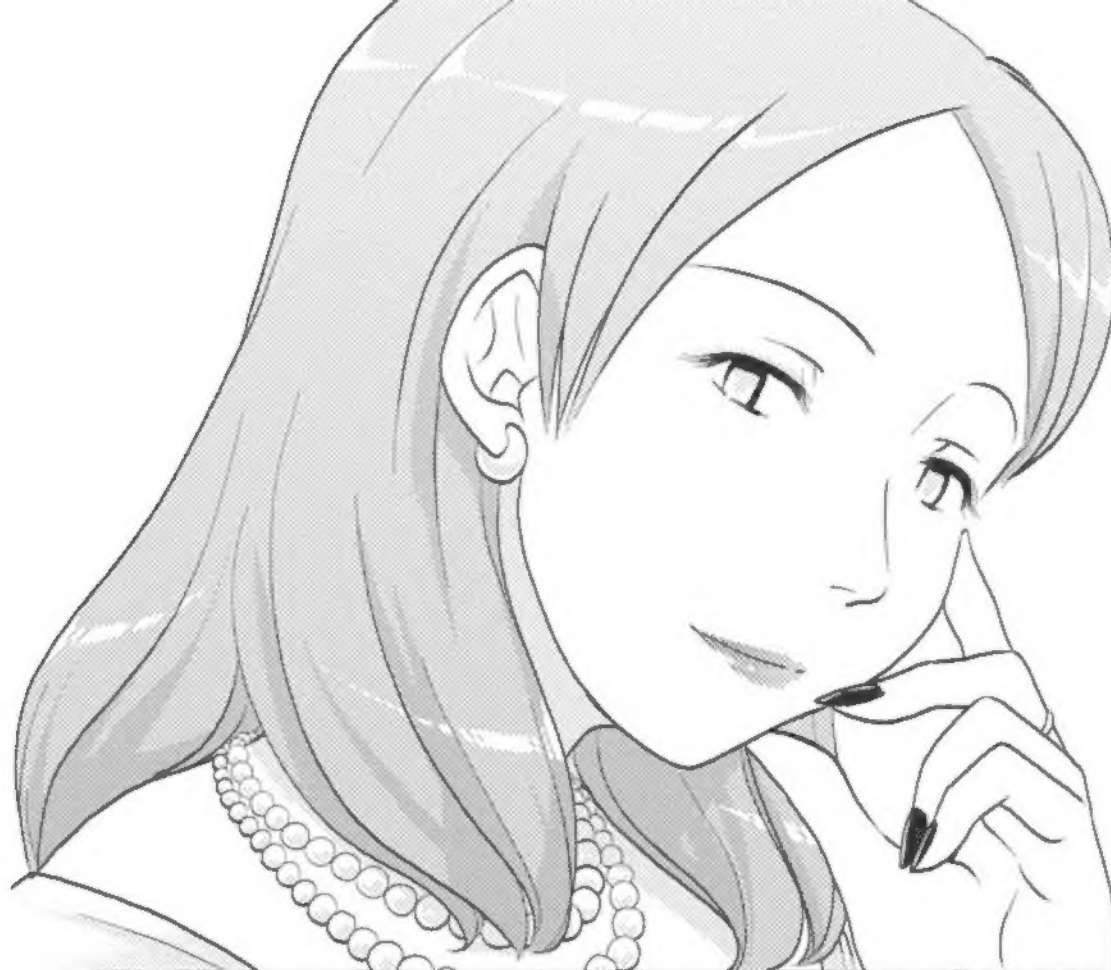
I'M SORRY,
I WAS A
PIGGY AND
ATE ALL YOUR
PRESENTS!











BECAUSE YOU
CHOSE YOUR
SISTER OVER ME.



THUMP THUMP
どたたたたた

きゃ
AHHHHH

THE
BATH'S
FREE.



THAT'S
ENOUGH!

瞬殺!!

THE "INSTANT DEFEAT"



ONE MORE
TIME!
MAYU,
ONE MORE
TIME!!

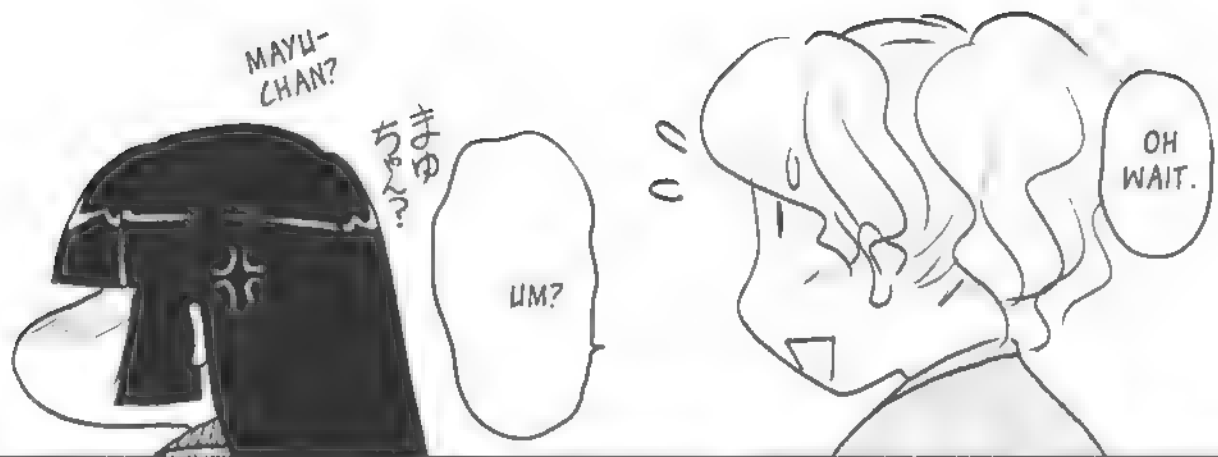
ホラ
パジャマ
着ろー

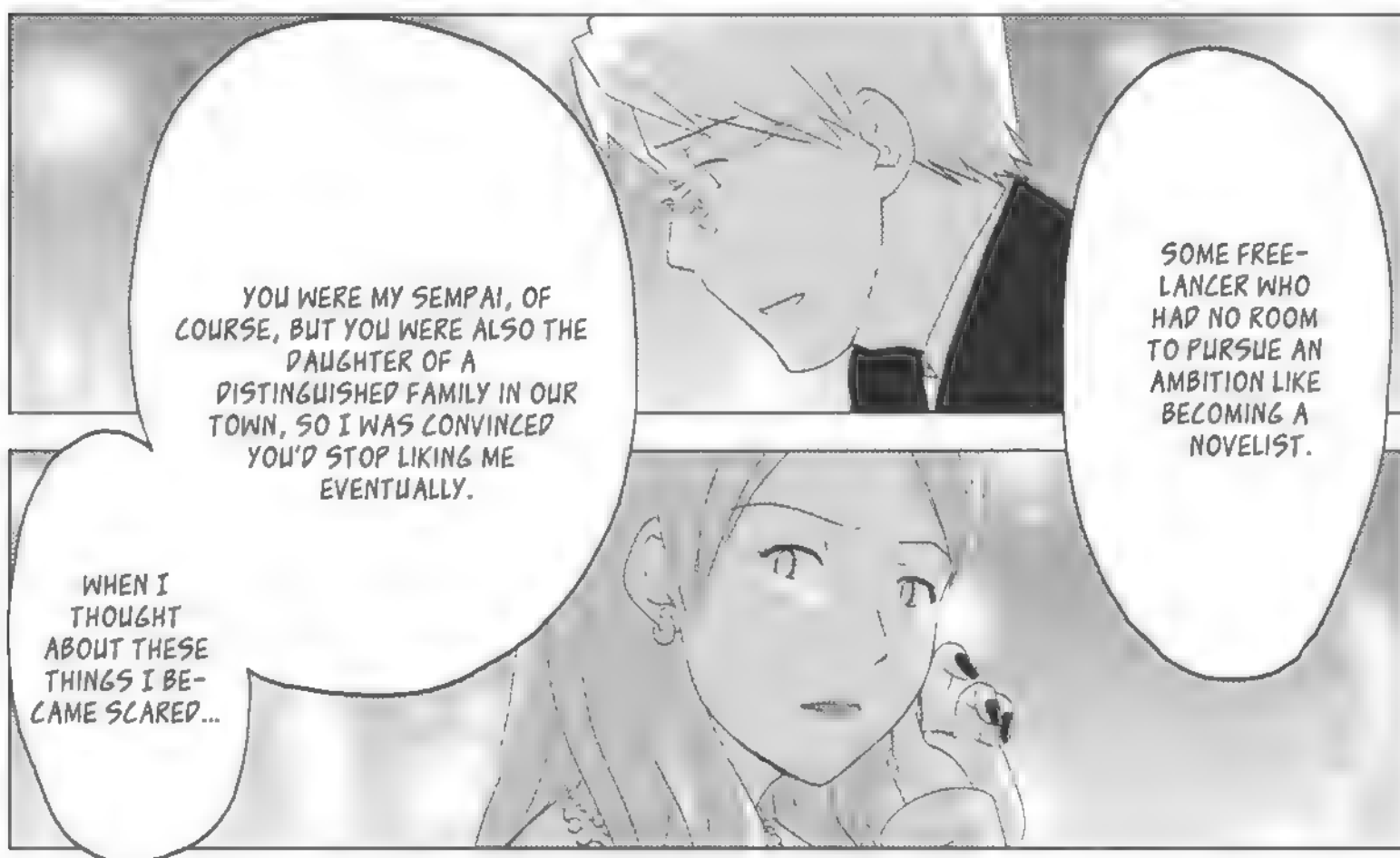
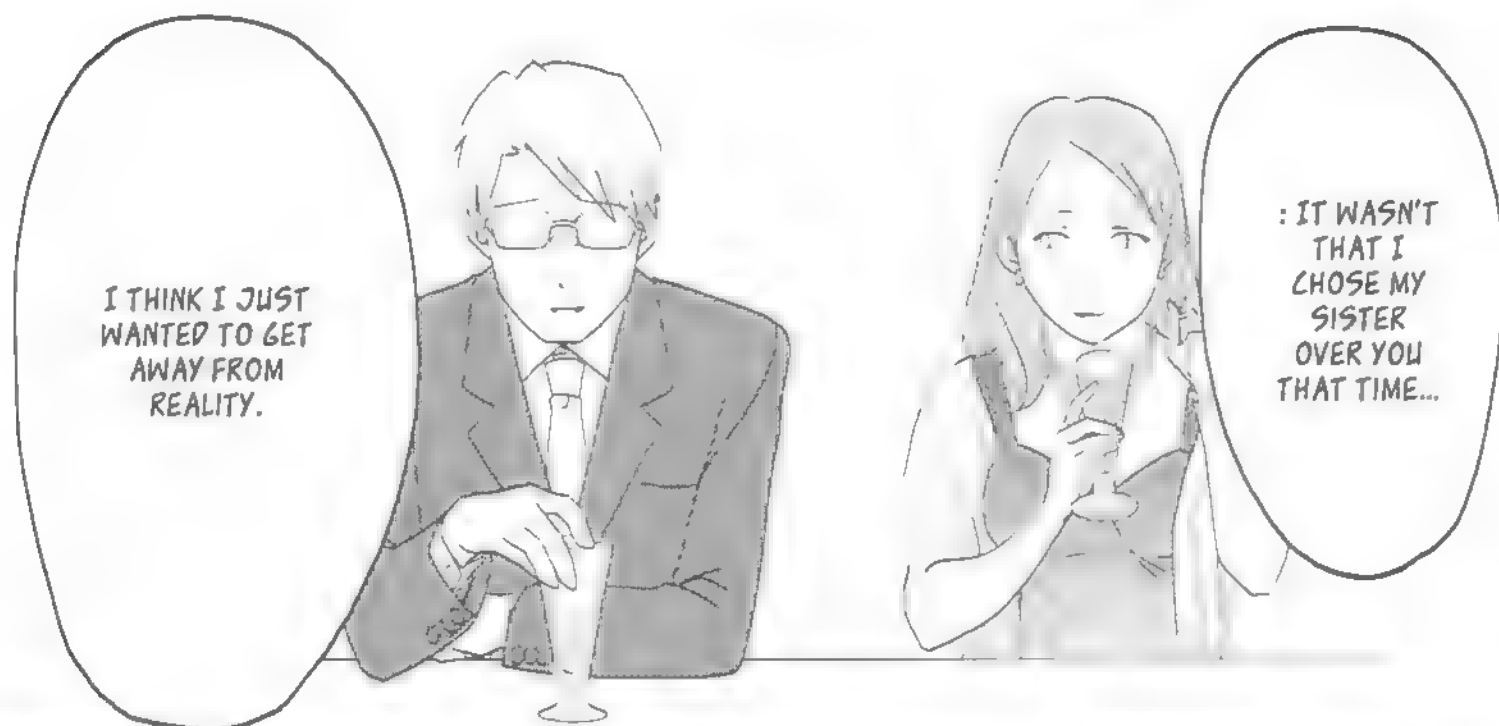
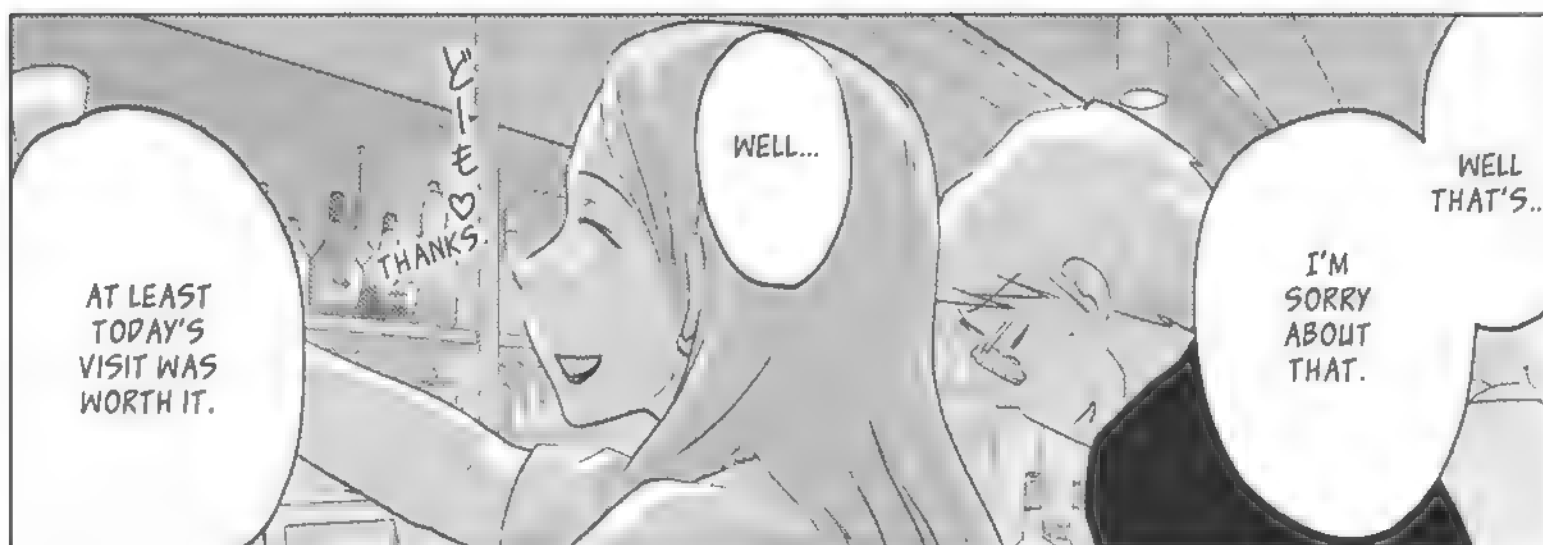
COME HERE
AND PUT
ON YOUR
PAJAMAS!

I'LL LEND
YOU MY
PAJAMAS.

CAN YOU
GO NEXT,
MAYU-
CHAN?











...WHAT A
TURNOFF...



PLEASE GIVE
THEM A WARM
WELCOME!!

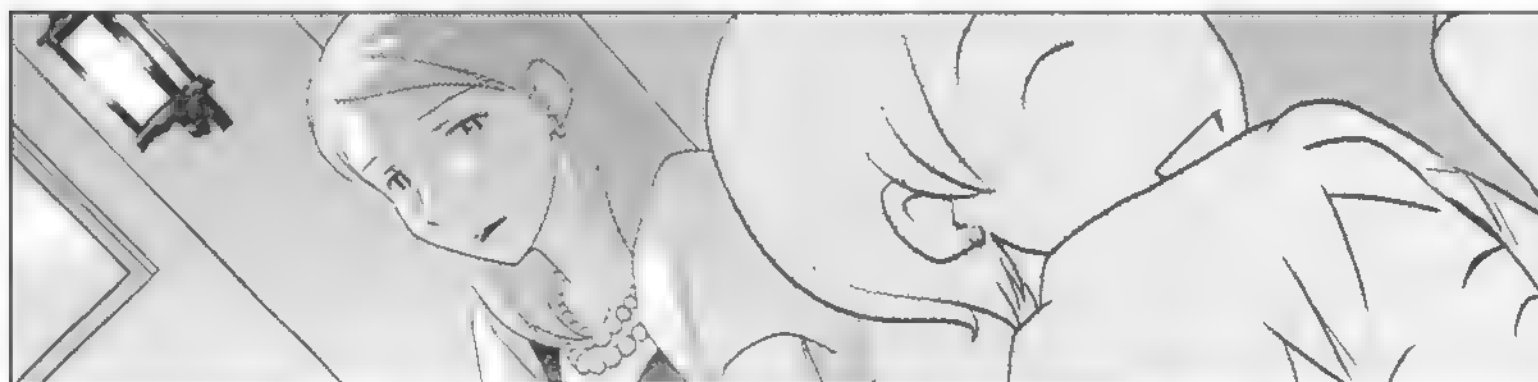
WOW!

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AHEM...
EVERYBODY,
THANK YOU
FOR WAITING.

THE NEWLYWEDS
ARE NOW READY
TO MAKE THEIR
ENTRANCE.





SHE WASN'T FOND OF
THE MAN HER PARENTS
SUGGESTED HER TO
DATE SO IT
BECAME
UNCOMFORTABLE FOR
HER TO BE AT HOME,
APPARENTLY.

NO, SHE'S
MOVED
BACK TO
THE CITY.







BUT YOU'RE SO
NICE THAT YOU
TELL ME, LET'S
DO IT AGAIN.

I'M A GOD-
DAMN LOSER.

COMIN' ALL THE
WAY OUT HERE
TO MEET A GUY
WHO DUMPED
ME IN THE
PAST LIKE IT
WAS NOTHIN.

I HAD TO
BOW DOWN TAH
MY JUNIORS
TO MAKE THE
PLANS BUT
IN THE END:
LET'S DO
THIS AGAIN?



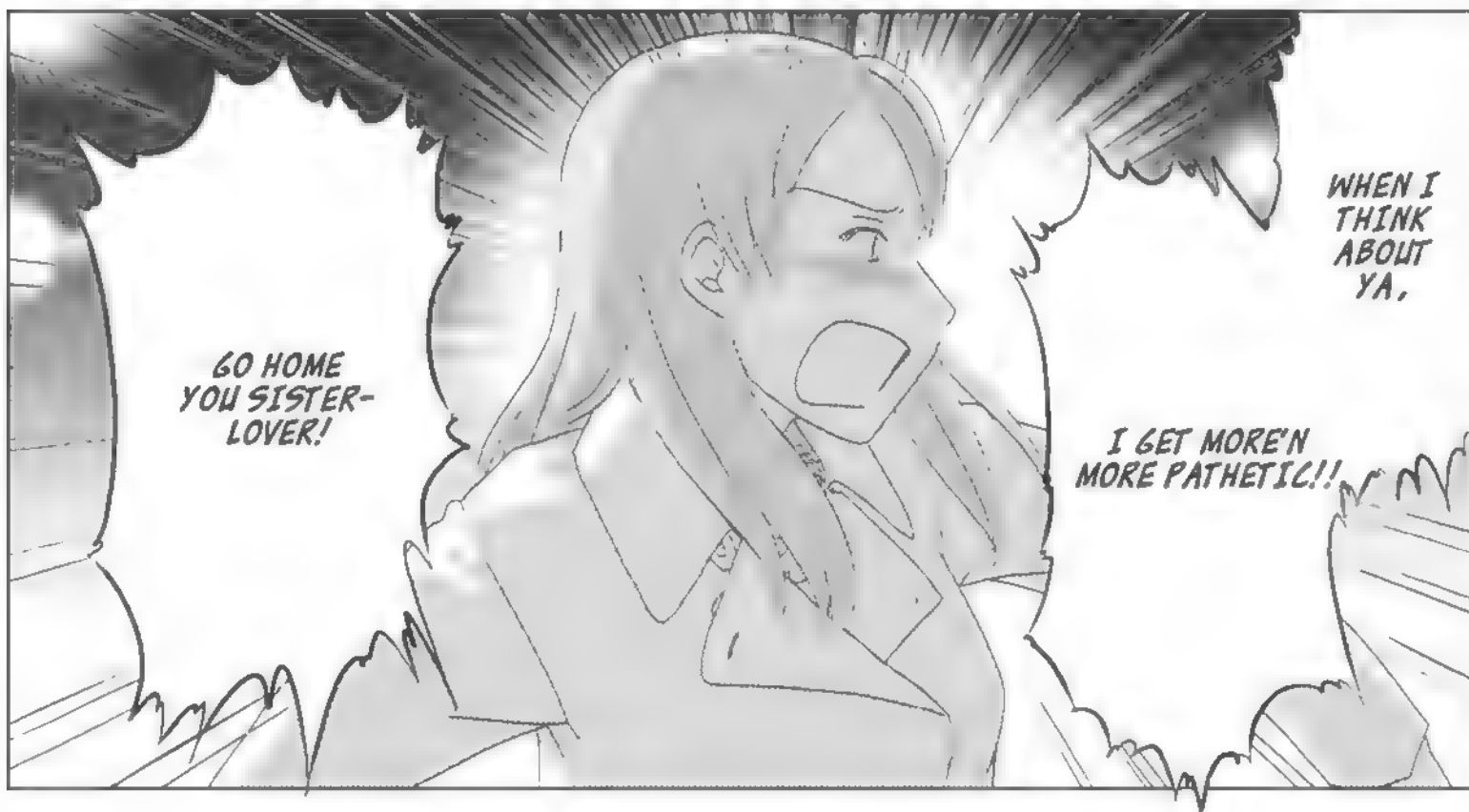
I SERIOUSLY
HATE HOW
FREAKIN' PA-
THETIC I AM.

SO YA REALLY
SHOULDN'T
COME ANY-
MORE.

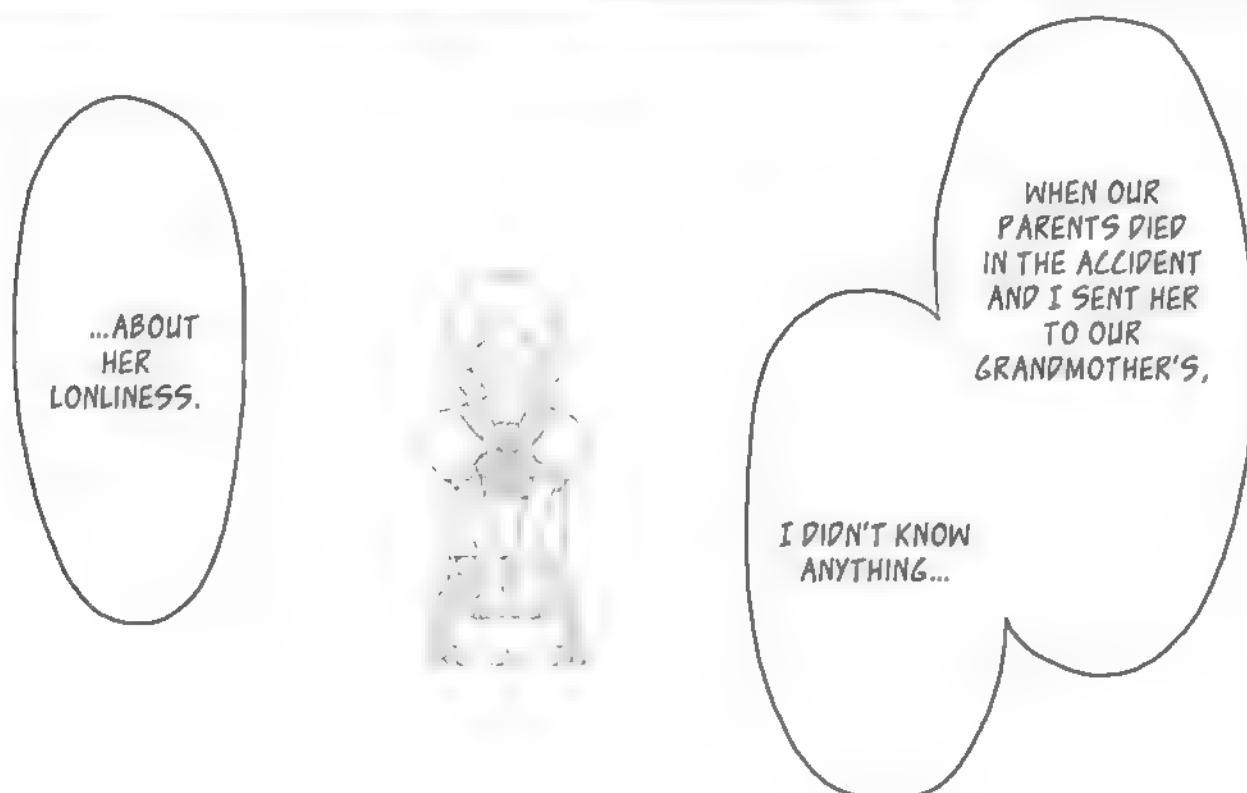
I DON'T LIKE
YOU!




YOU'RE
NICE TO ME
AND GIVE ME
FALSE HOPE...
AND IT KEEPS
REPEATING.










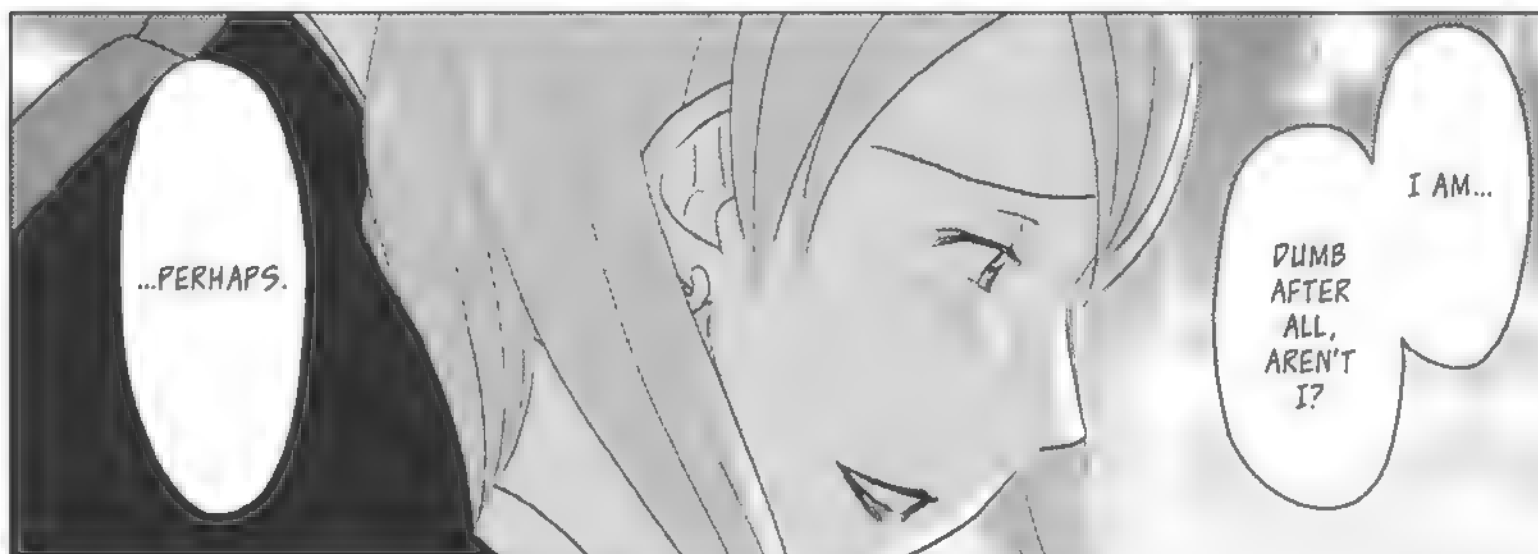
THAT'S
WHY DURING
MIDDLE
SCHOOL WHEN
SHE COULD
NO LONGER
EVEN STAY
WITH OUR
GRANDMOTH-
ER, I DECIDED
THAT I...



HOW MUCH
SHE WAS
WORRIED
ABOUT IT AND
WAS HURT
BY THINGS
THAT WERE
OUT OF HER
CONTROL.

I WILL NEVER
ABANDON
HER.

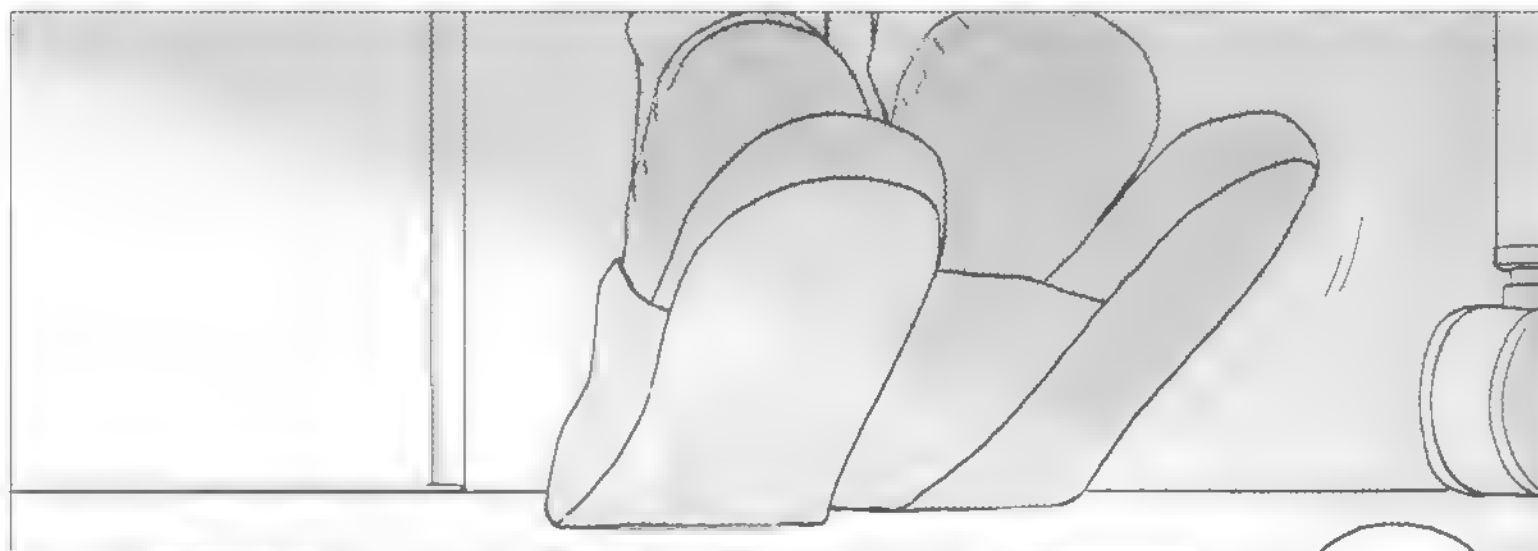
ONLY I WILL...
NO MATTER
WHAT HAPPENS
OR WHAT SHE
DOES.



...PERHAPS.

DUMB
AFTER
ALL,
AREN'T
I?

I AM...



...PERHAPS.

IN THE
END, SHE'S
GOIN'TA GO
OFF WITH
ANOTHER
MAN.

YOUR
SISTER'LL
ALWAYS
BE YOUR
SISTER.



...PERHAPS.

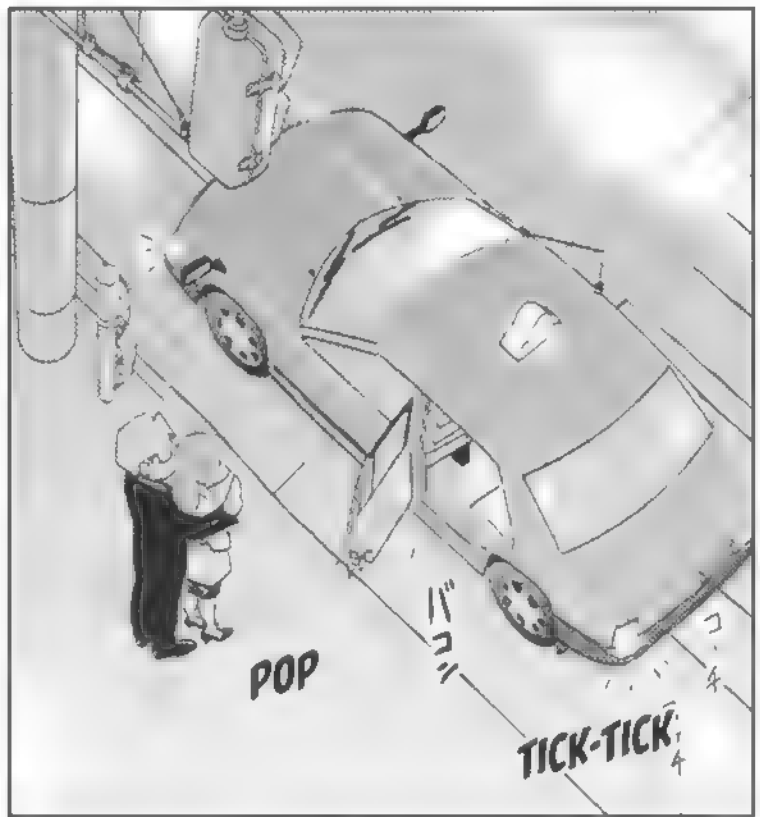
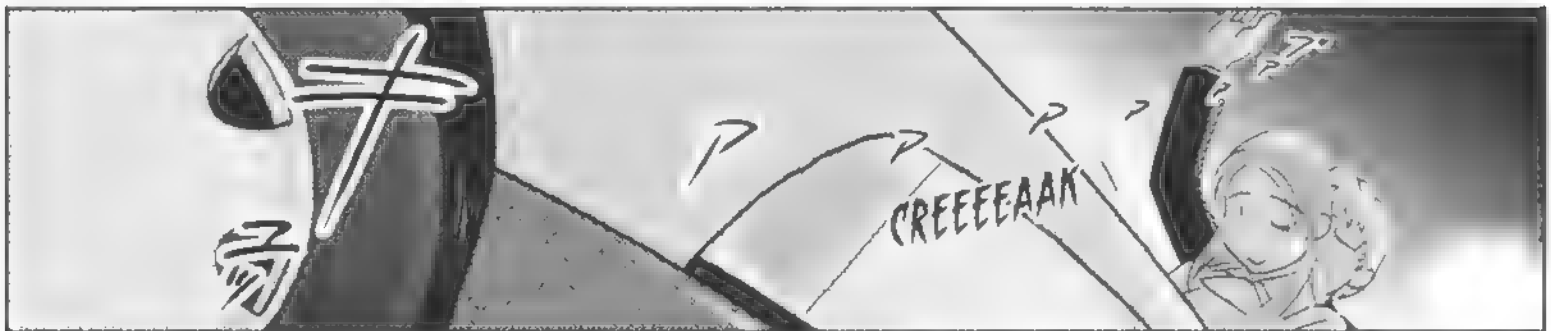
YOU'RE GONNA GO
TO SOME MARRIAGE
ARRANGEMENT
PARTY AND END UP
WITH SOME SHABBY
WOMAN AND SHE'S
GONNA USE YA.

IT'S
TRAGIC, BY
THEN YOU'LL
BE OLD.
THEN YEAH,
THAT'S
RIGHT,

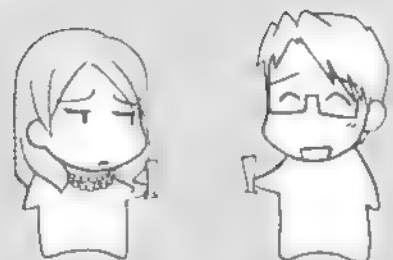
...IDIOT.



IT'S ONLY
NATURAL FOR
ME TO BE USED
BY SOME WEIRD
WOMAN.









DID YOU
FIGURE
OUT THE
ANSWER?

HEY,
SUMI-
CHAN

THE
INCIDENT



WHAT DID
IT MEAN?

ANY HINTS?

"NOT CUTE,
BUT BEAU-
TIFUL"?

YEAH, I
COULDN'T
REALLY
FIGURE IT
OUT.



?

THE ONE
THAT IS NOT
CUTE BUT IS
BEAUTIFUL.

OKAY,

CAN YOU
CLOSE
YOUR EYES
FOR A
SECOND?

KAZAMA?

THAT IS...

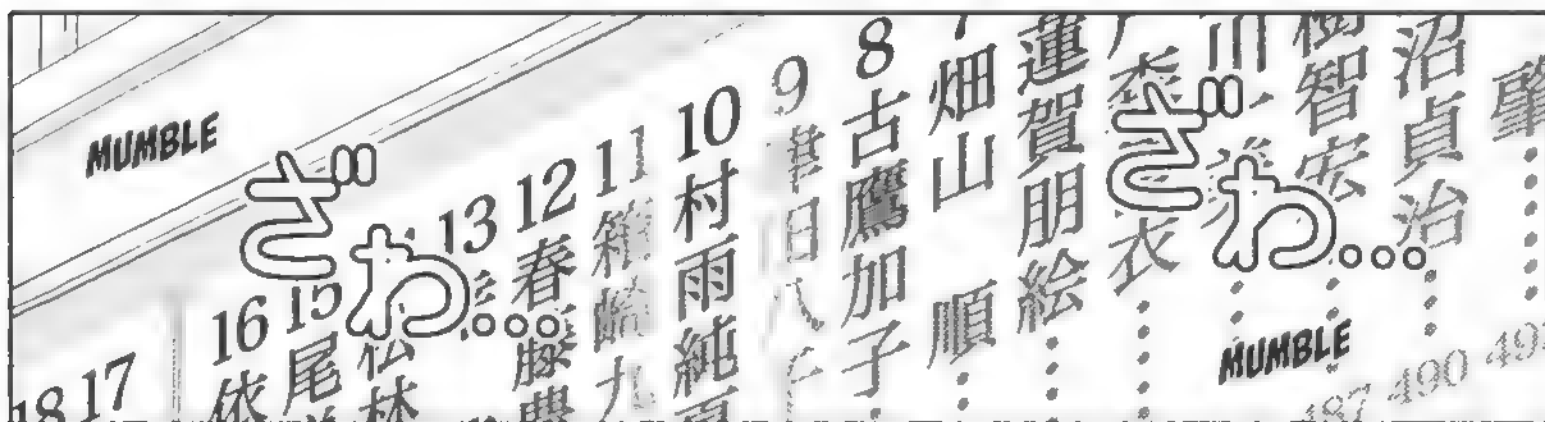


part thirty-six
~ the underclassmen ~



part thirty-six
~ the underclassmen ~





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WOAAAH

BRUTE
FORCE IS
A TACTIC,
AFTER
ALL.

I DID TELL YOU,
RIGHT?

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THAT EVEN THOUGH
I LIKE SUMI-CHAN
THAT I WOULD
MAKE IT OKAY...?
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かう
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ん
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で
も
大
本
家
な
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UM...
TOMOE-
CHAN?

I'M NOT LIS-
TENING6666.

KAZAMA-KUN
HERE IS GOING
TO JOIN THE
TEAM AS OUR
NEW MANAGER.

SO IN ORDER TO
PUT AS MUCH
ENERGY AS
POSSIBLE INTO
PRACTICING,

....THIS!

OUCH...
そん
な
あ

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY
FOR YOUR OWN
MISTAKES.

THIS IS... UH, NO, NO YOU'VE COME UP WITH ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR MEAN TRICKS... BUT ACTUALLY YOU NEVER GOT TO ASK ME WHAT THAT MEANT. SO MAYBE YOU'RE JUST BEING CONSIDERATE OF ME! SEEMS LIKE OUR COMPETITORS ARE ALSO TAKING IT SERIOUSLY AND IT'S TRUE, I'VE BEEN DOING MOST OF THE WORK AROUND HERE. SO I WAS THINKING THAT I WANTED A MANAGER... SO YAY! I GET TO WALK TO AND FROM SCHOOL WITH HER WITHOUT IT BEING WEIRD, I ONCE ACCIDENTALLY TURNED DOWN HER OFFER TO COME WITH, SO IT WAS HARD FOR ME TO INVITE HER! THANKS, HACHI. GJ! BUT ANYWAY ASK ME ABOUT THE REAL MEANING BEHIND THAT DAY'S INCIDENT ALREADYYYYYYYY.

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レ-3
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虹色風車

SPIN SPIN
COLOR WHEEL

MEANIE!

HMPH

イジメル!

フーン





...SORRY I'M LATE.

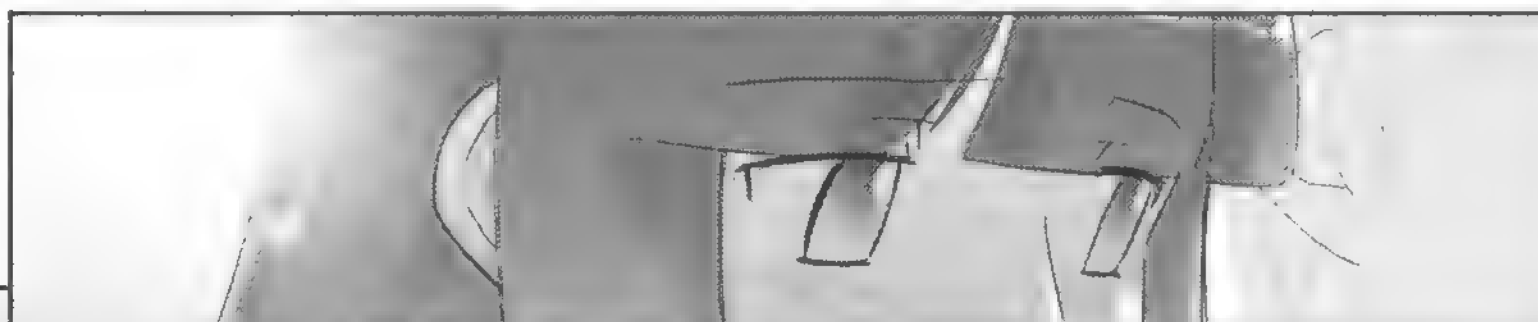
ハ
ハ
COUGH



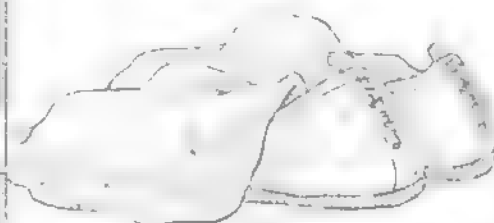
MAYU-CHAN?!















BUT



-IT SEEMS HARD...

EVEN THOUGH
MOM TRIES HER
BEST.



KOI, YOUR HOUSE
IS WEIRD, ISN'T
IT?

HAHA, YEAH, I
GET THAT A LOT.

IS THE SAME AS
BEING IN THE RIGHT
FORM, ACCORDING
TO HER.



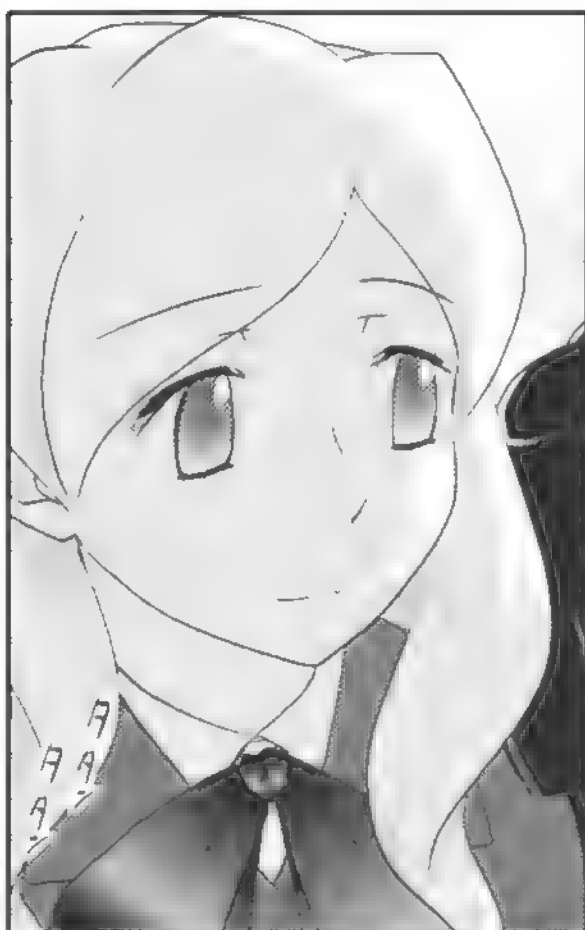
TO BE GOOD IN
HERE



HA
HA
HA

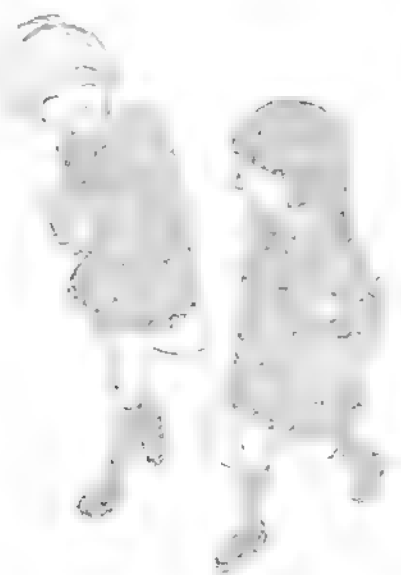
BA-RUM
BA-RUM

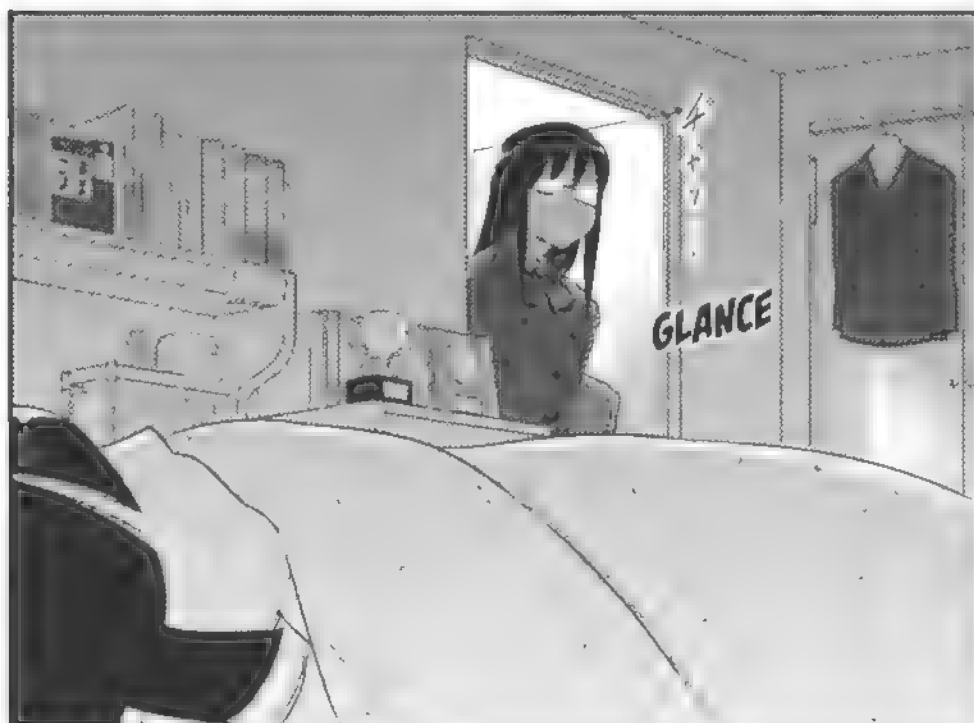
HA
HA
HA



THAT I'M ABLE TO
BE GOOD.

...YES, IT'S
BECAUSE KOI IS
HERE FOR ME,







PLEASE HOLD



しばらくおまちください



BLEGGHHH

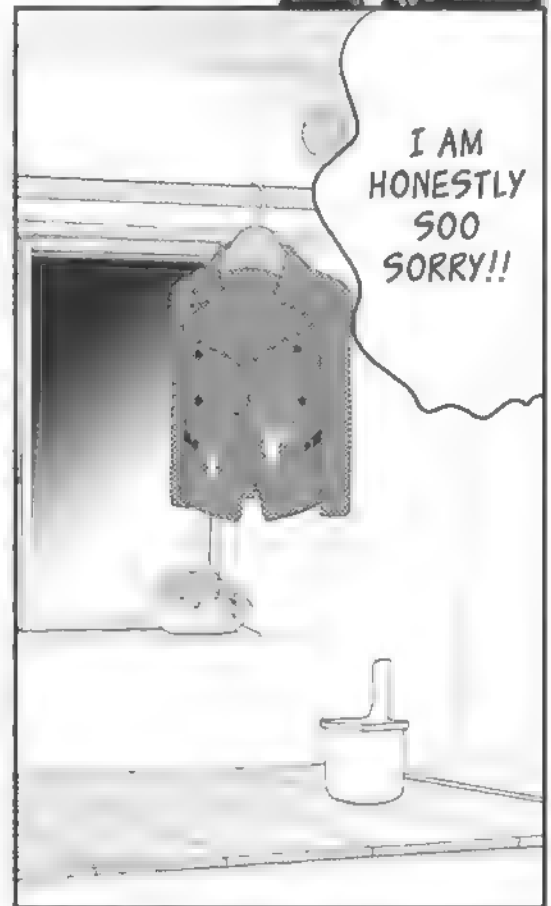
ドドドドド



I AM SO SORRY!
SERIOUSLY
SORRY!

TELL
SEMIMA-
RU-SAN
NOT TO
WORRY
ABOUT IT.

OH, WELL,
AT LEAST
I HAD MY
UNIFORM
WITH ME.



I AM
HONESTLY
SOO
SORRY!!



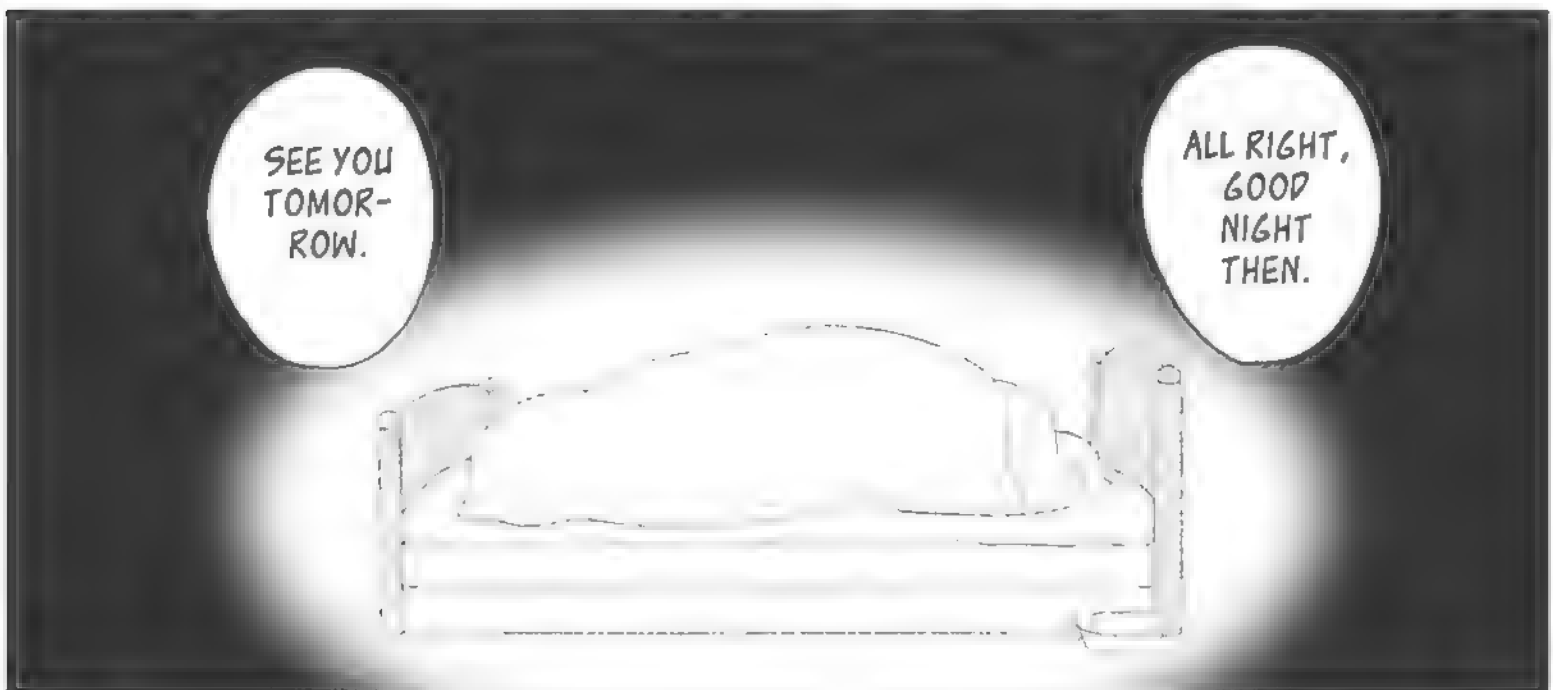
I'M USED
TO IT!

I ALWAYS
STAY OVER
AND STUFF.

HM, IT ACTUALLY
KINDA SMELLS.

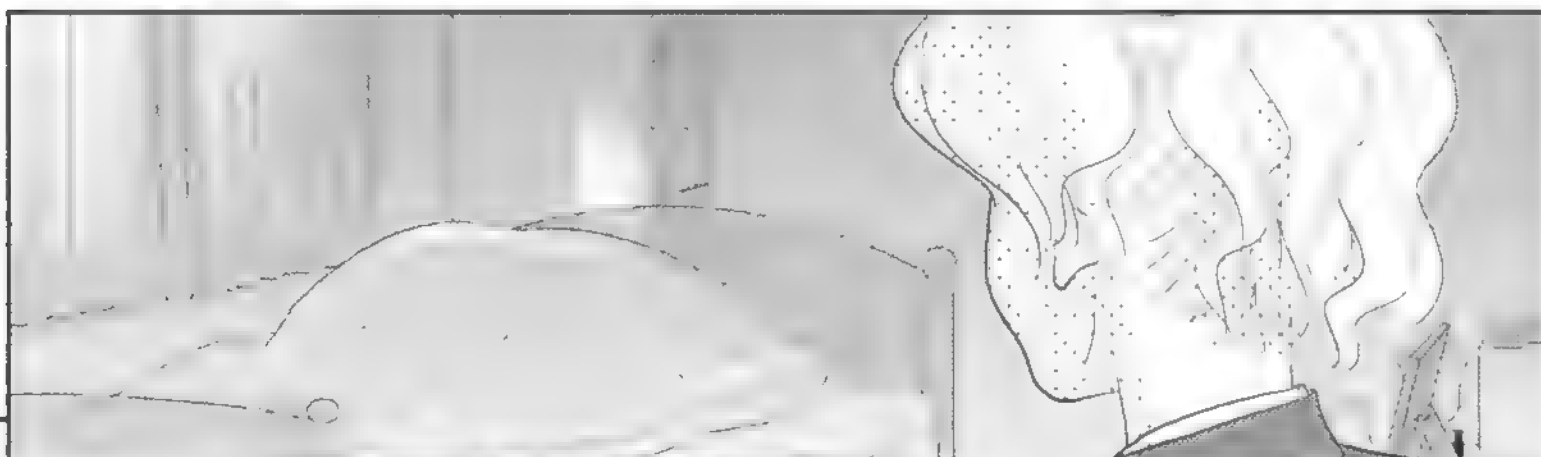
UNTIL ONE
OF HER
PARENTS
RETURN WE
CAN...

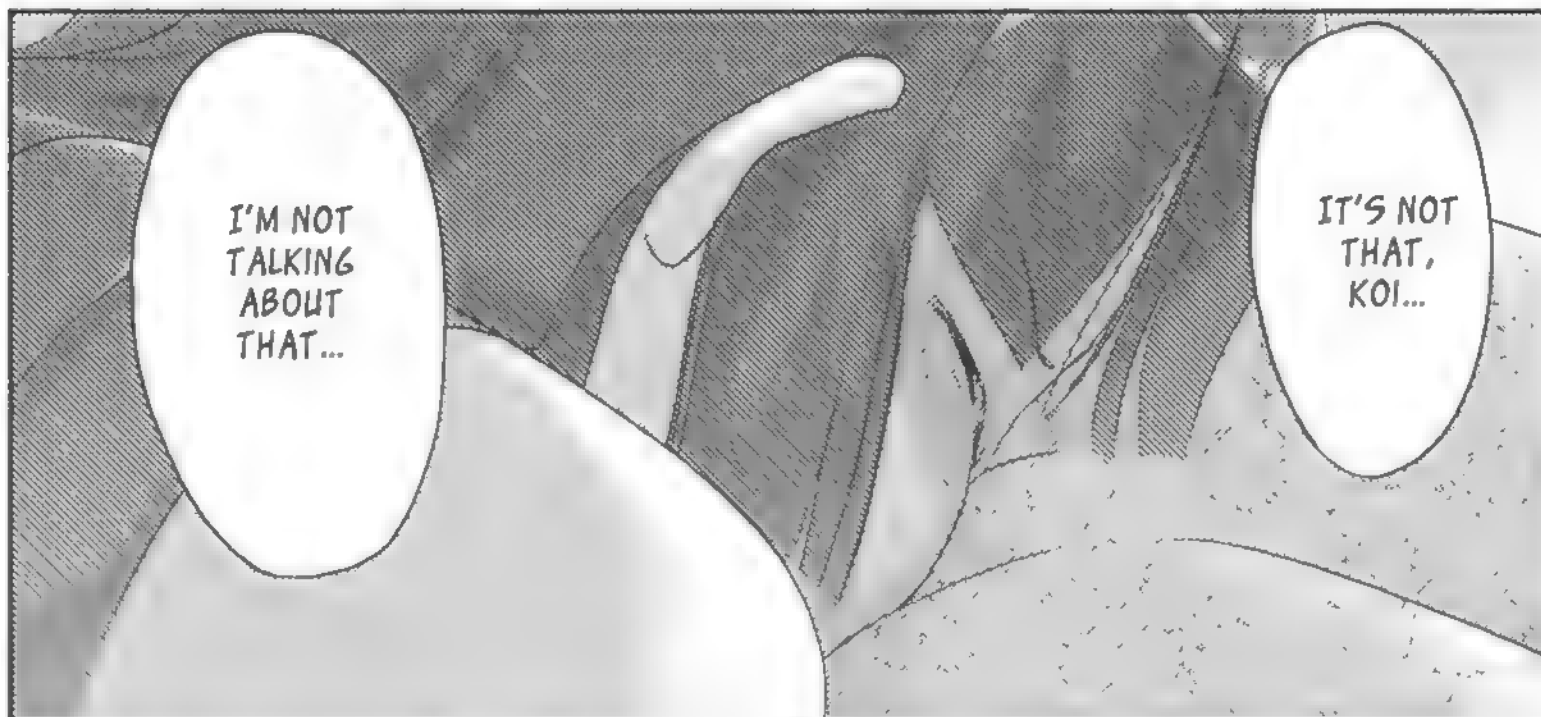
KOINO-
CHAN,
YOU'RE
GOING TO
BE OKAY BY
YOURSELF?



SEE YOU
TOMOR-
ROW.

ALL RIGHT,
GOOD
NIGHT
THEN.





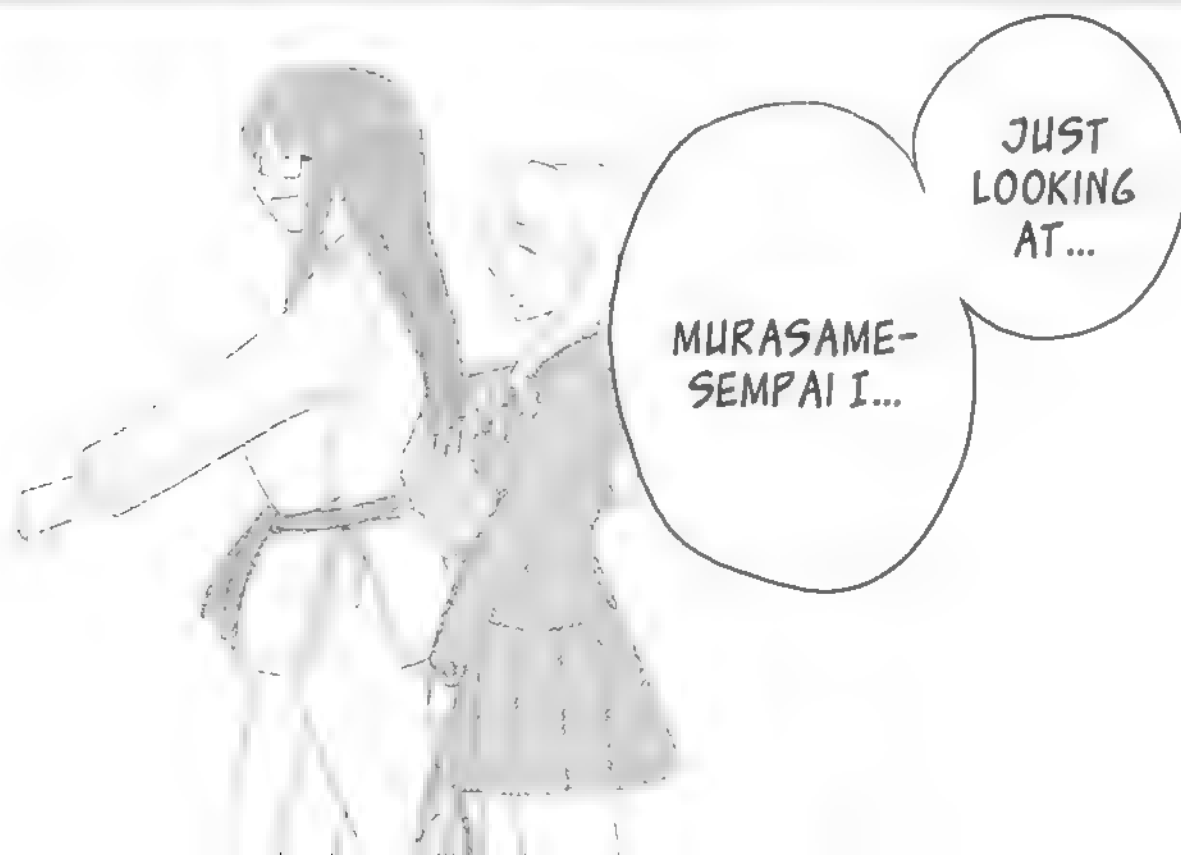


I HAD
ALWAYS AD-
MIRER HER.

I'M NOT
MYSELF...

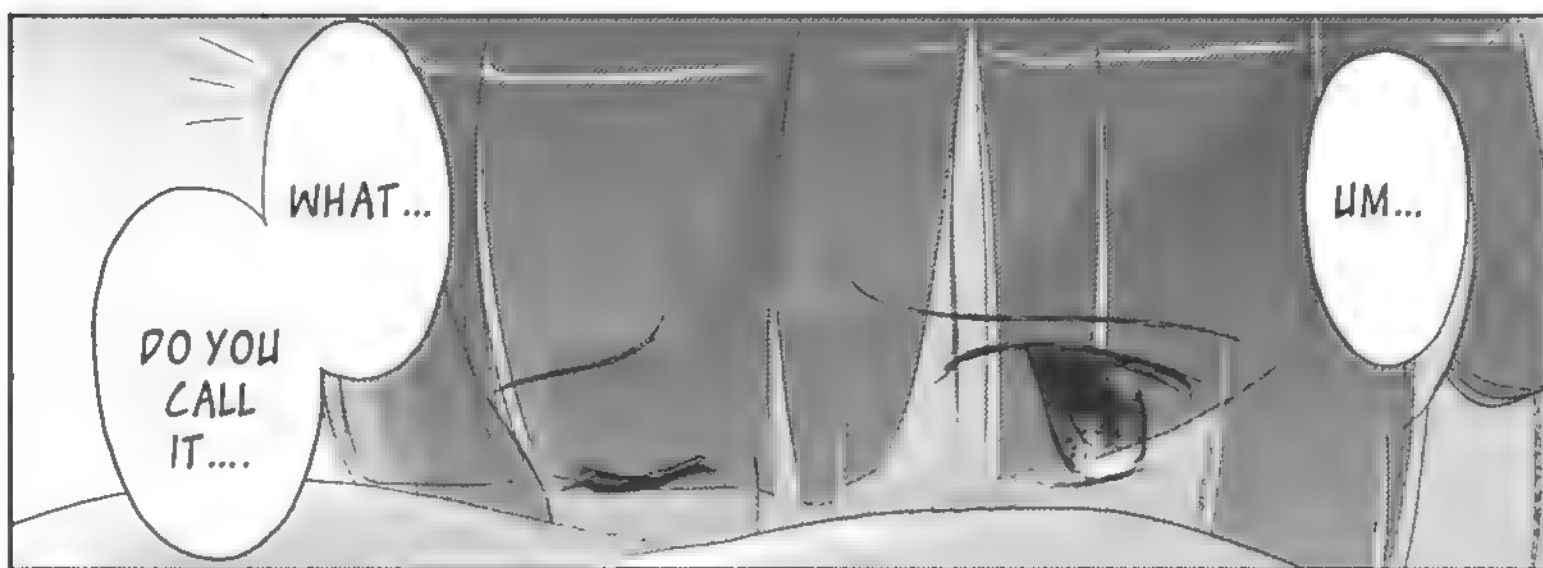
AND I
FINALLY
GET TO DO
KARATE WITH
HER.

I WASN'T
LIKE THIS
BEFORE.



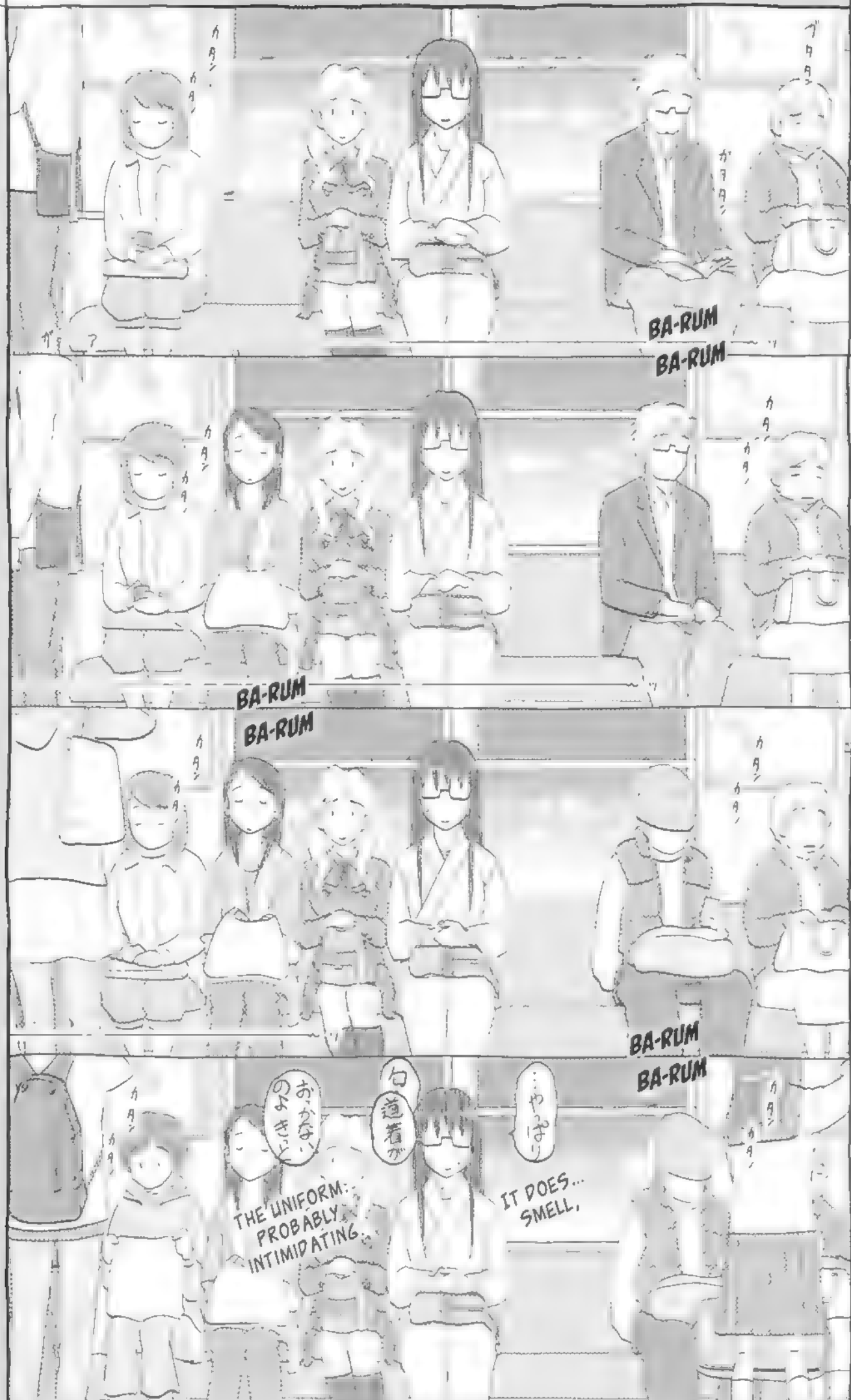
JUST
LOOKING
AT...

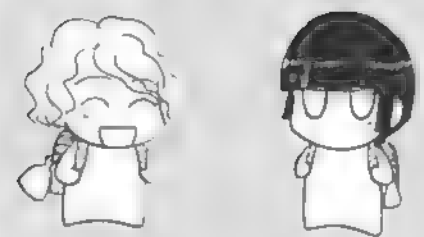
MURASAME-
SEMPAI I...

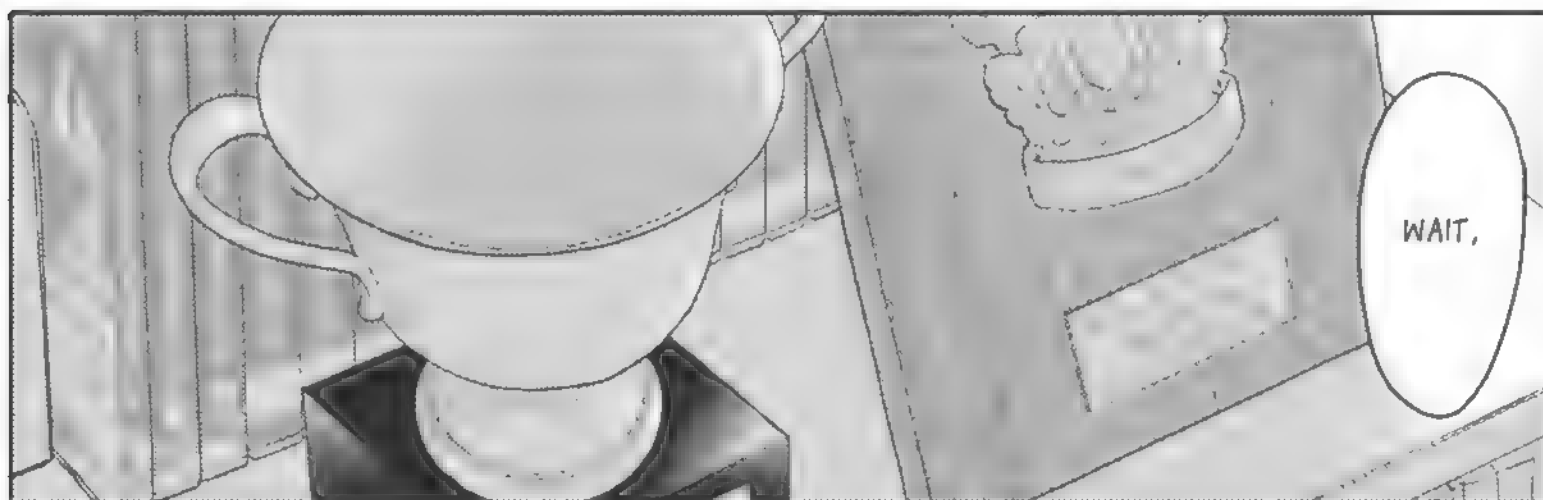


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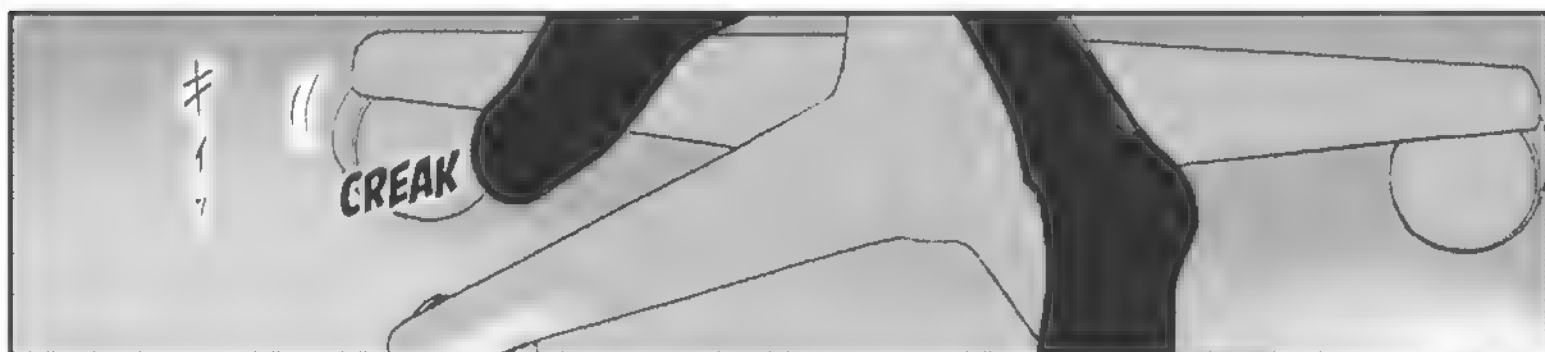
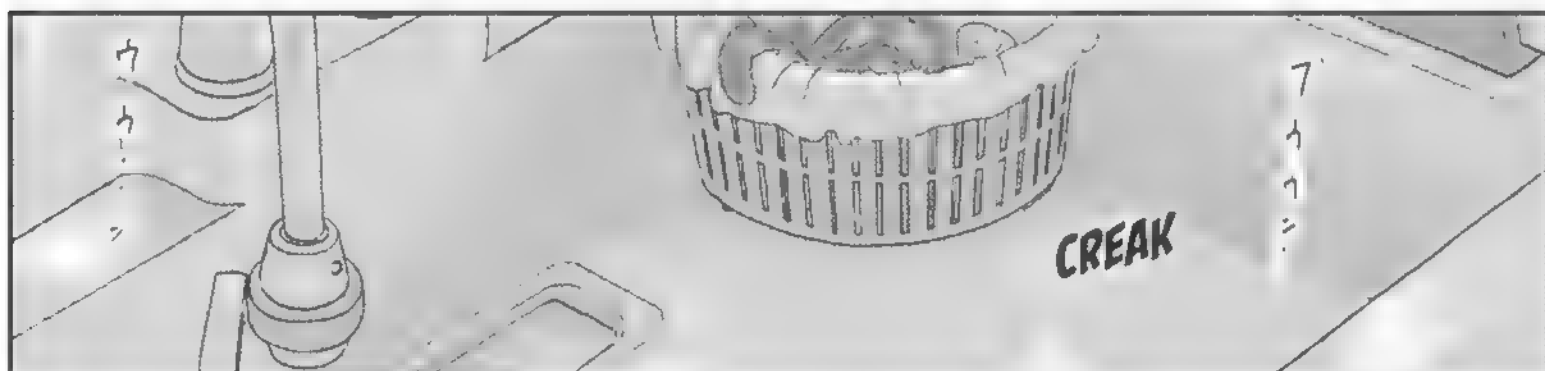
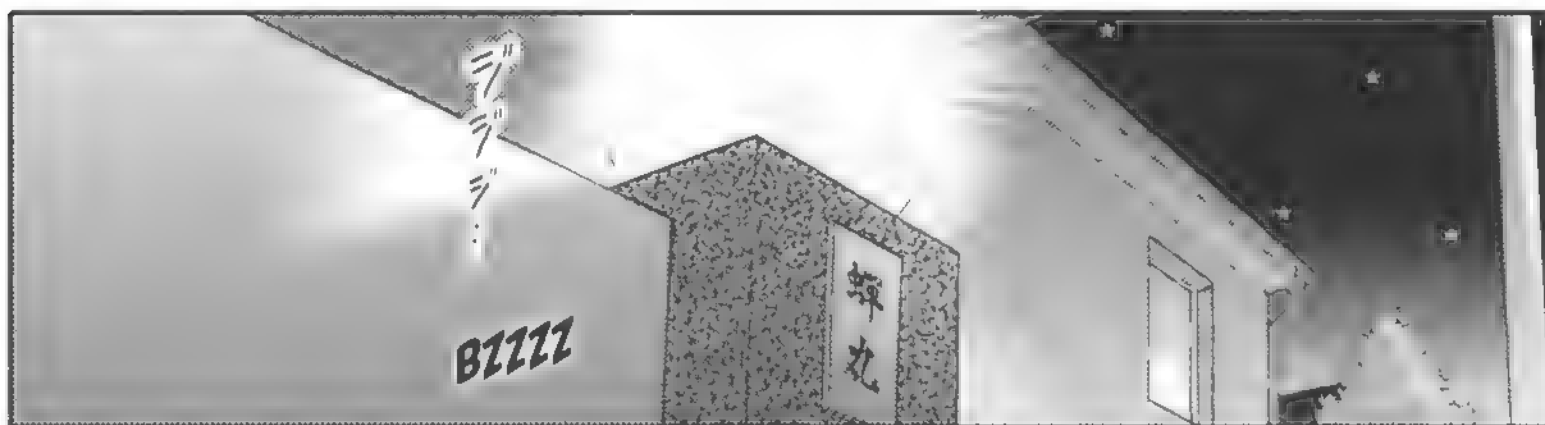






*part thirty-seven - oblivious
people~*







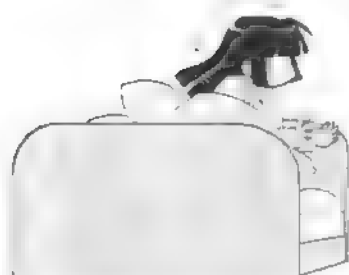
I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT TO
DO!

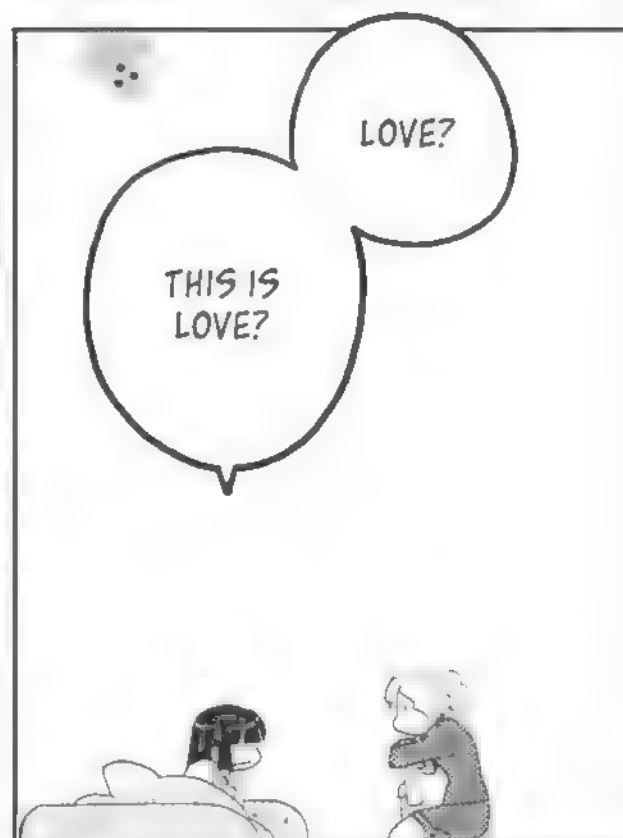
THIS HAS
NEVER
HAPPENED
TO ME
BEFORE.



Twitch

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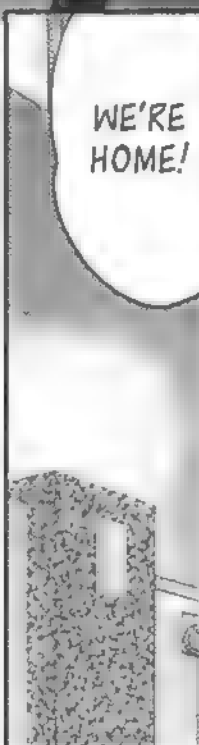
IT CAN'T
BE TRUE
THAT YOU
DON'T
KNOW
WHAT TO
DO.

THE MAYU-
CHAN I
KNOW IS
ALWAYS
STRAIGHT-
FORWARD.

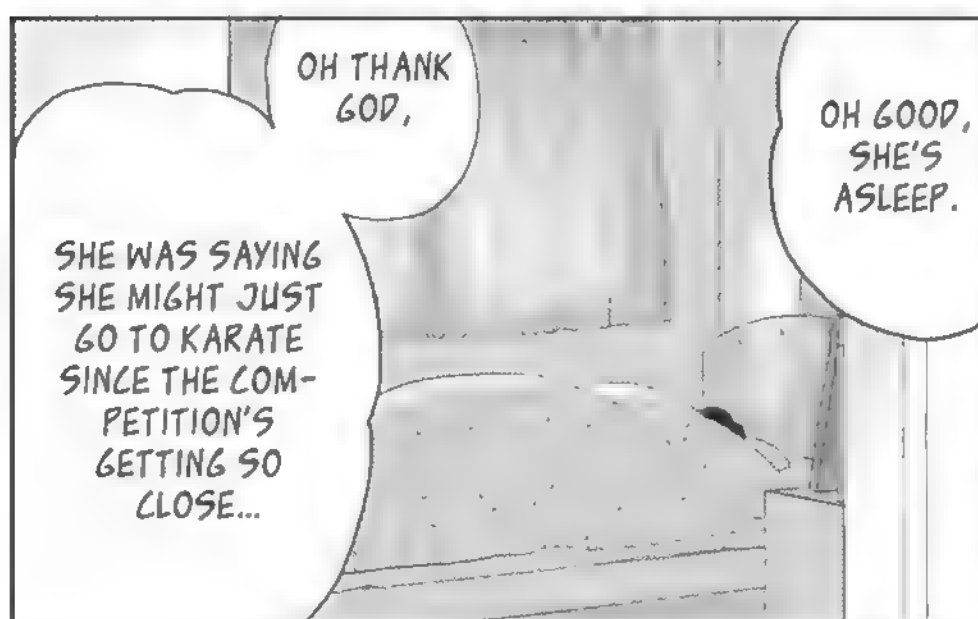


MAYU
BETTER
HAVE
STAYED
IN BED
TODAY.

WOW, I'M
TIRED.



WE'RE
HOME!



OH THANK
GOD,

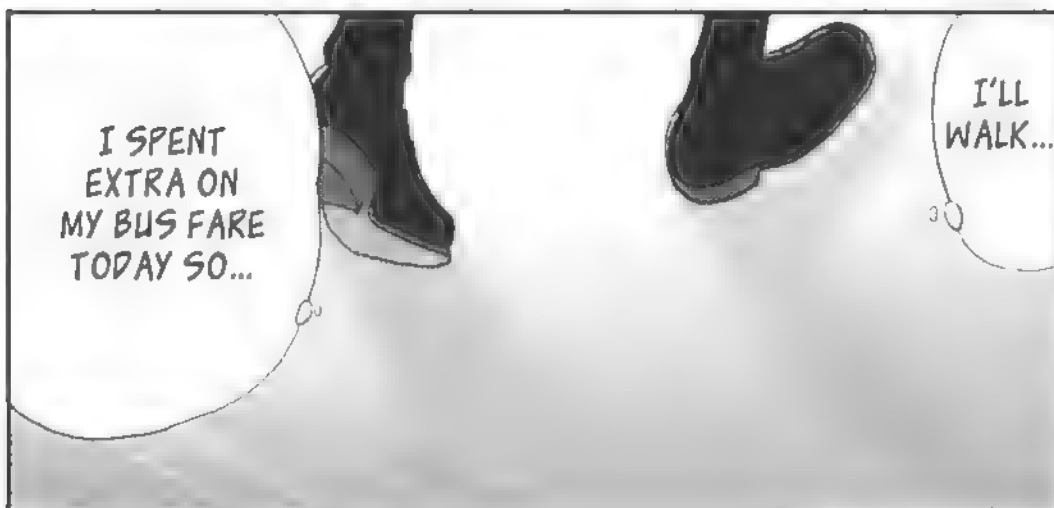
SHE WAS SAYING
SHE MIGHT JUST
GO TO KARATE
SINCE THE COM-
PETITION'S
GETTING SO
CLOSE...

OH GOOD,
SHE'S
ASLEEP.



YOU
SHOULD
JUST LOVE
HER.

JUST KEEP
LOVING
MURASAME-
SEMPAI MORE
AND MORE.



I SPENT
EXTRA ON
MY BUS FARE
TODAY SO...

I'LL
WALK...

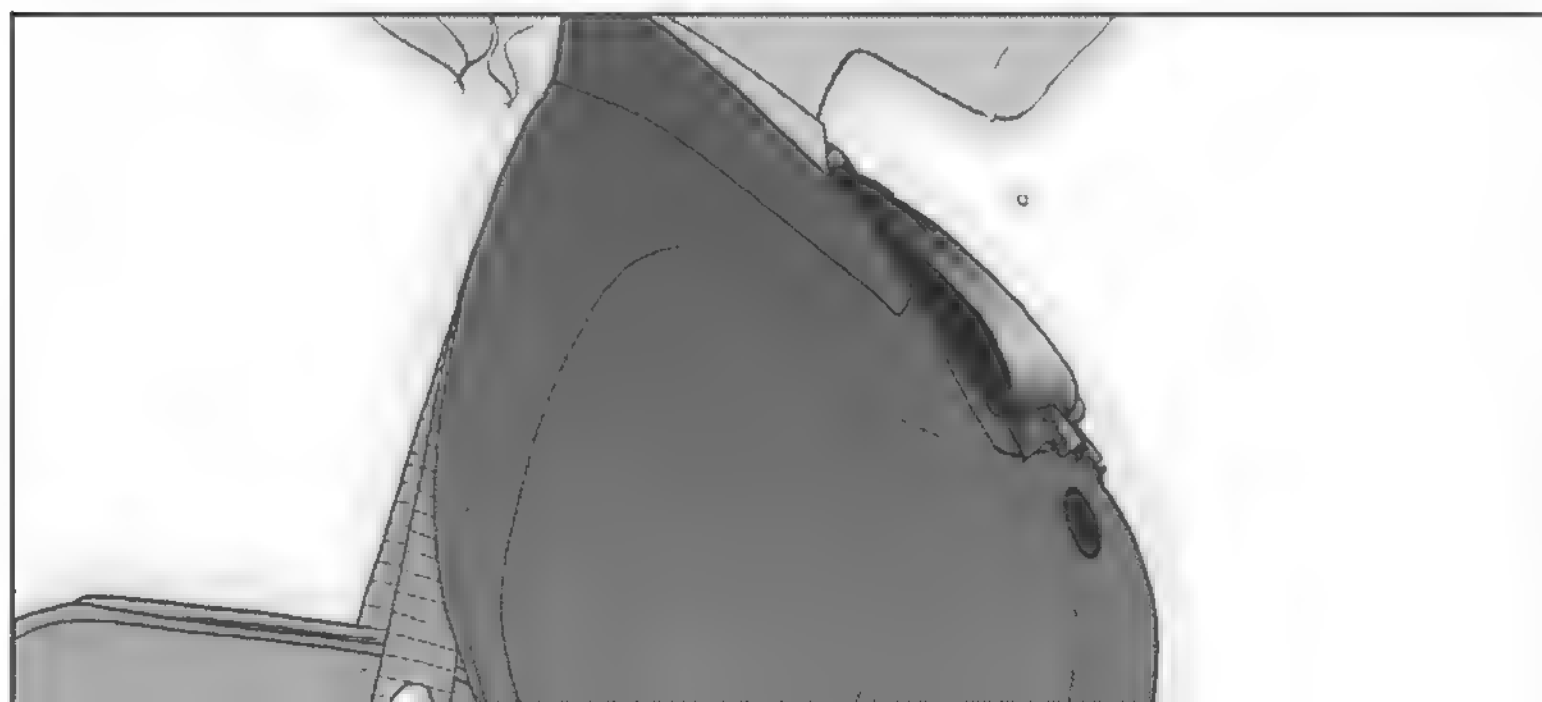
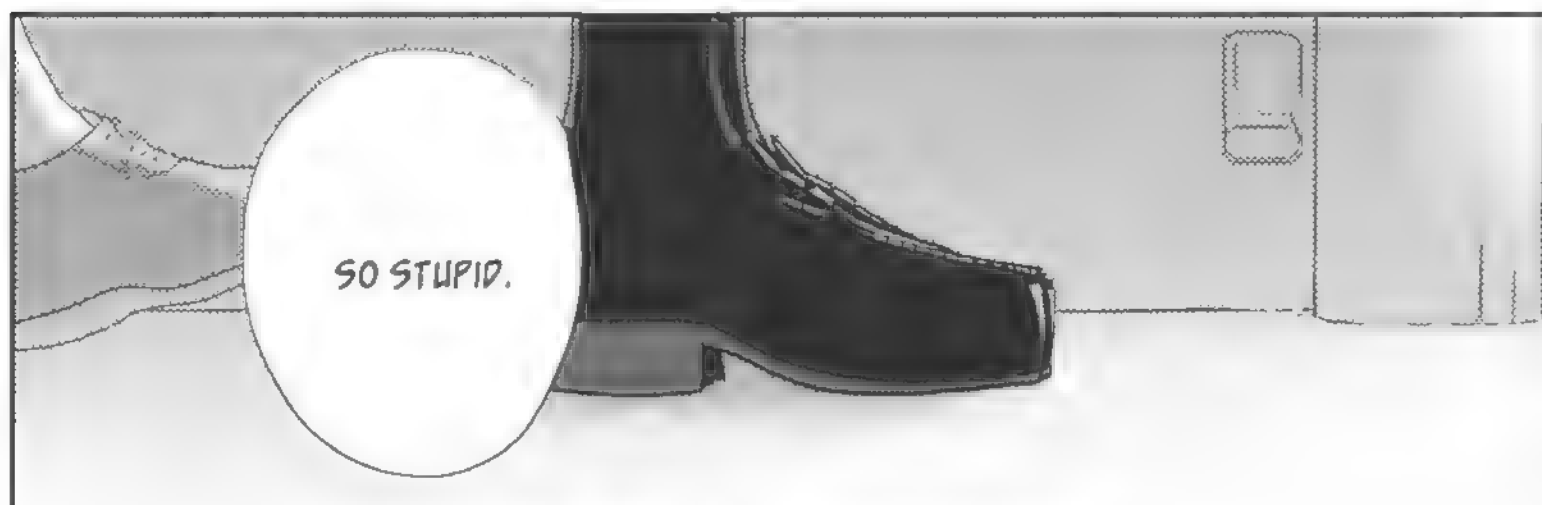
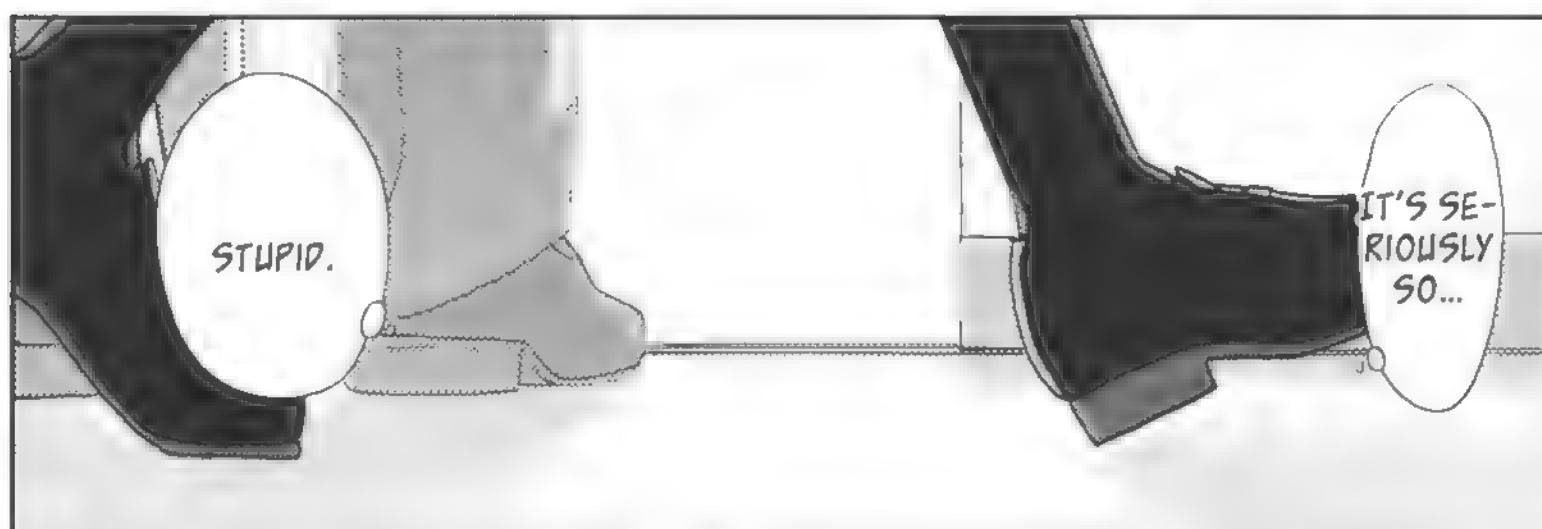
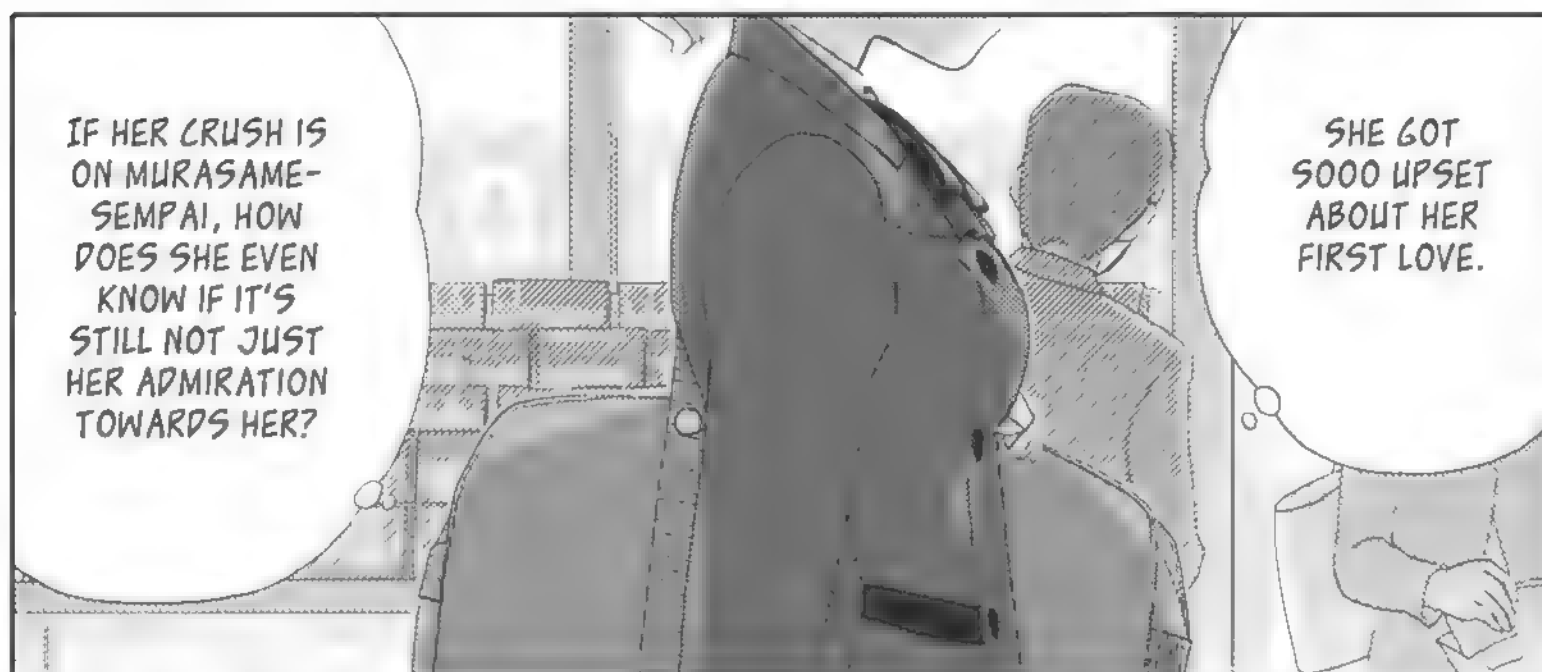


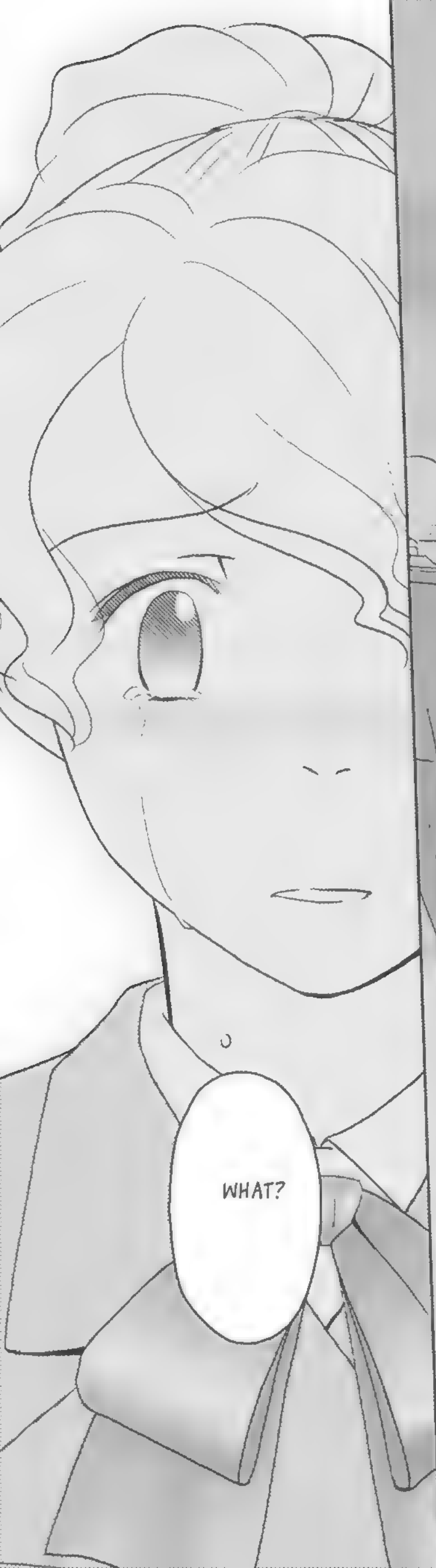
RELYING ON
ME TO TAKE
CARE OF HER.

HONESTLY,
MAYU IS
ALWAYS....



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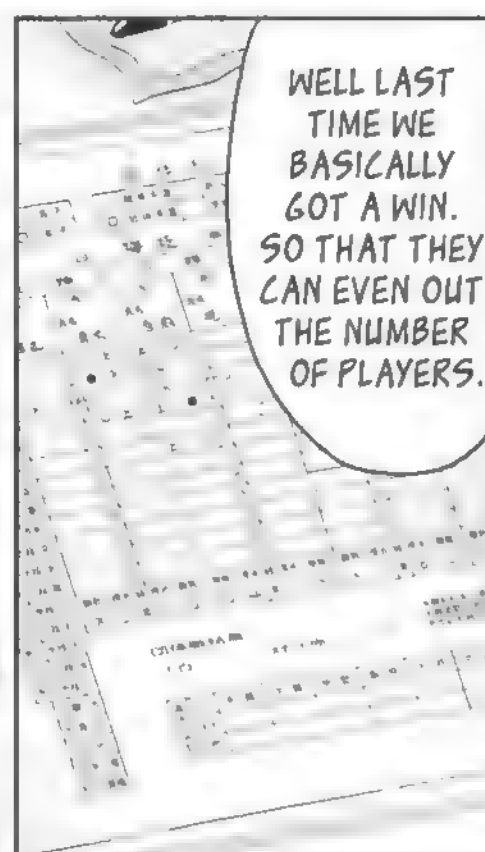


WHAT?











WHAT?!
SERIOUSLY?
AN INCURABLE
DISEASE?!

THAT
...
A DOCTOR
CAN'T FIX.

SIGH

この娘だ
THESE
GIRLS...



SQUEEZE



SQUEEEEEEEZE



YOU PROBABLY
HAVEN'T HAD ANY
PROGRESS WITH
THE THING THAT'S
BETWEEN YOU
AND THE MANAGER?

SPEAKING
OF WHICH,

YOU
WERE ABLE
TO REGAIN
FOCUS
PRETTY
WELL.



SEEMS
LIKE I
HAVE THAT
LATELY.

CONFI-
DENCE,
MAYBE?



NOT
SURE
HOW
TO SAY
THIS...



OH MAN,

PROGRESS,
YOU SAY?
遅
な
展
望
だ
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ち
や
ん
な

OH
SHOOT... LIMP

WATCHES
ME.



KAZAMA



はい
OKAY!

IF YOUR TEAM
IS PARTICIPAT-
ING IN THE
GIRLS' DIVISION
SEMIFINALS,
PLEASE GATHER
AROUND!



I GUESS
I'LL SHOW
'EM WHAT
I GOT.

AH
GOOD
JOB.



AFTER
THE COM-
PETITON,

I'M
GONNA
TELL
SEMPAI.



MAYU-
CHAN...

I KNOW.



I NEED
SEMPAI'S
APPROVAL.

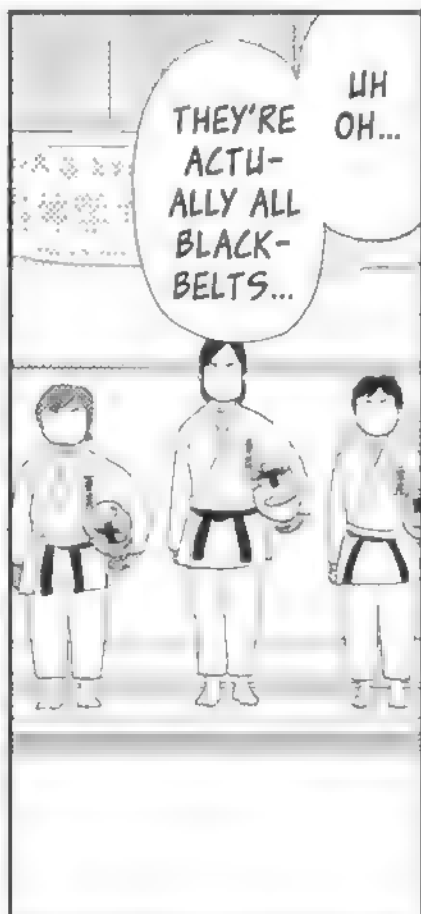
SO THIS
TIME

I NEED TO
WIN...



THAT'S THE
SPIRIT,
MAYU-
CHAN!!

YEAH.



WHISTLE

END OF MATCH!



THE INSTANT DEFEAT

RELAX!
COME
ON,
RELAX!

LOOSE...
LOOSEN
UP!

CRACK!

OKAY, I GOT
THIS!

OH!

WHITE:
ADACHIHARA.

NEXT
UP

RED
TEAM:
SEMI-
MARU.

SIGH
ドゥン
THUMP

SIGH

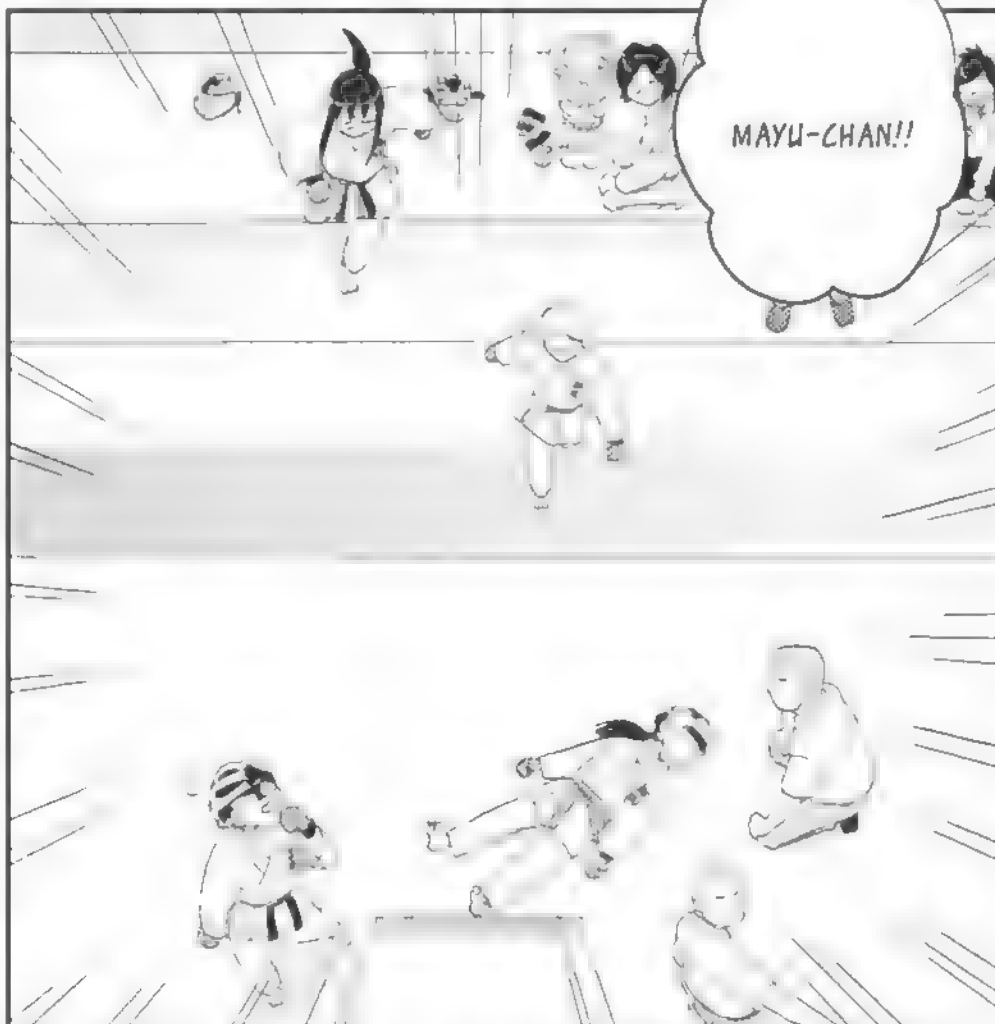
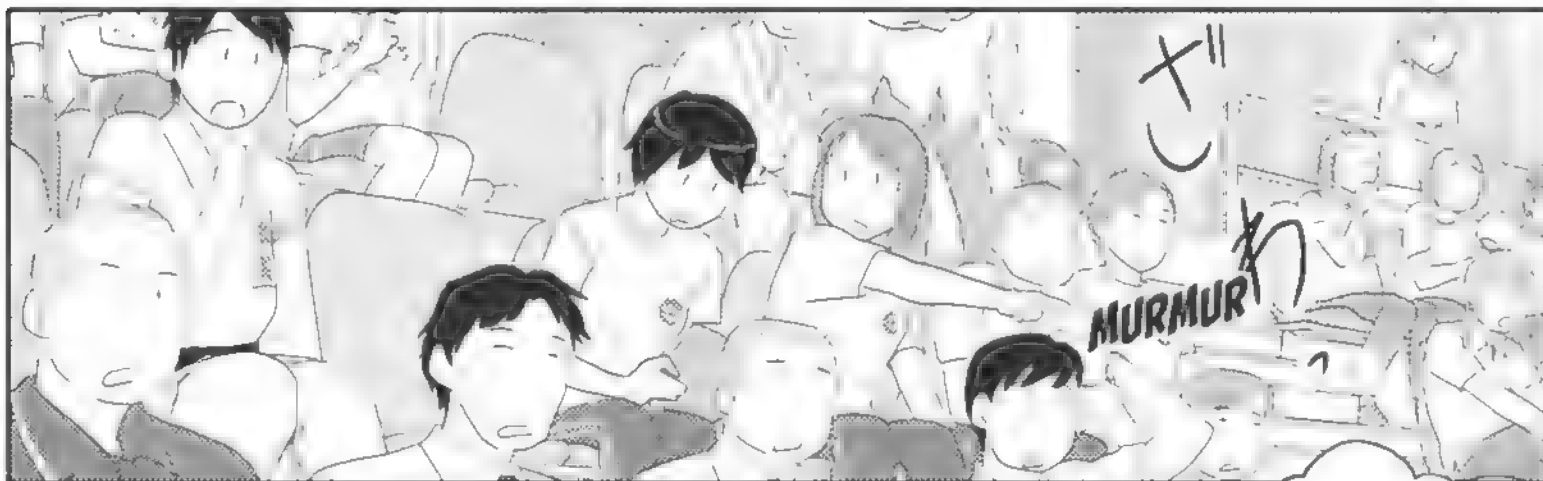
ドゥン
THUMP

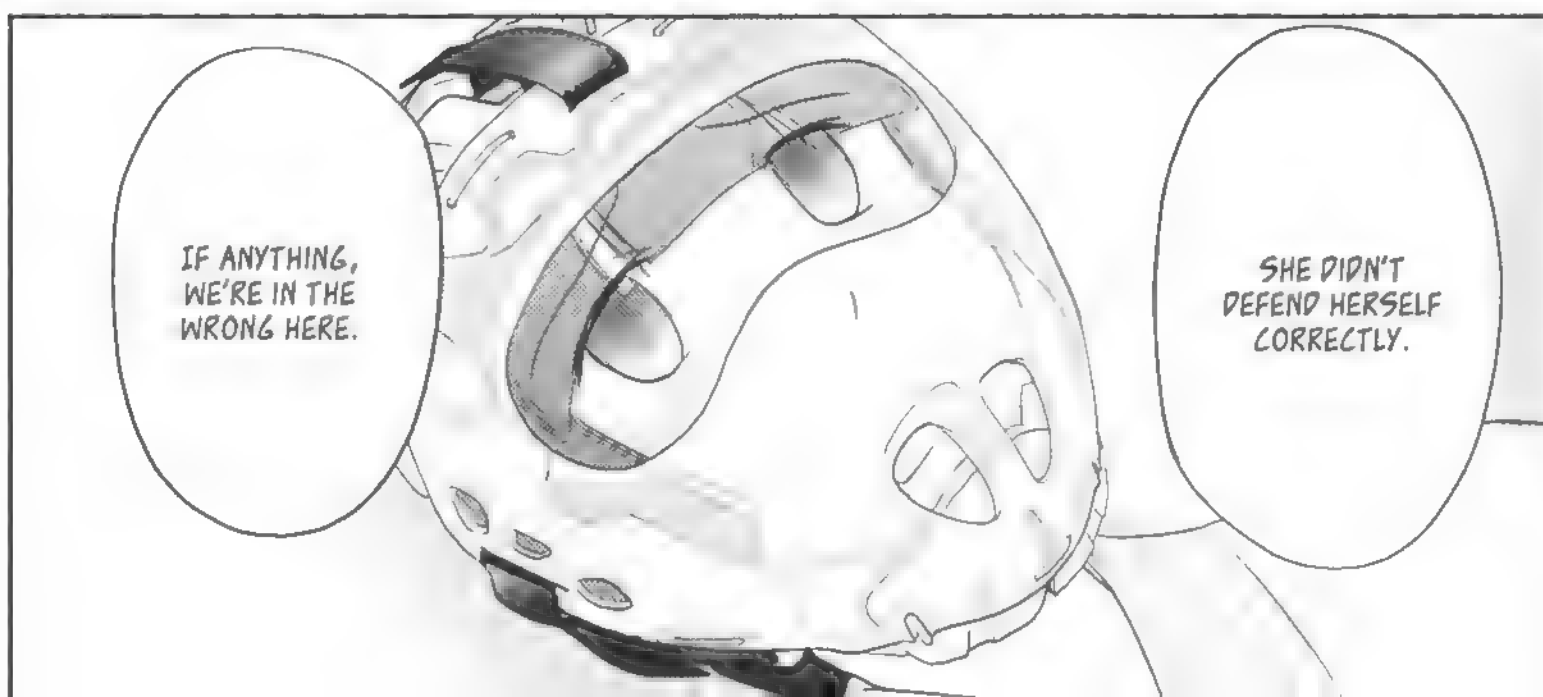
60!
MAYU-
CHAN!!

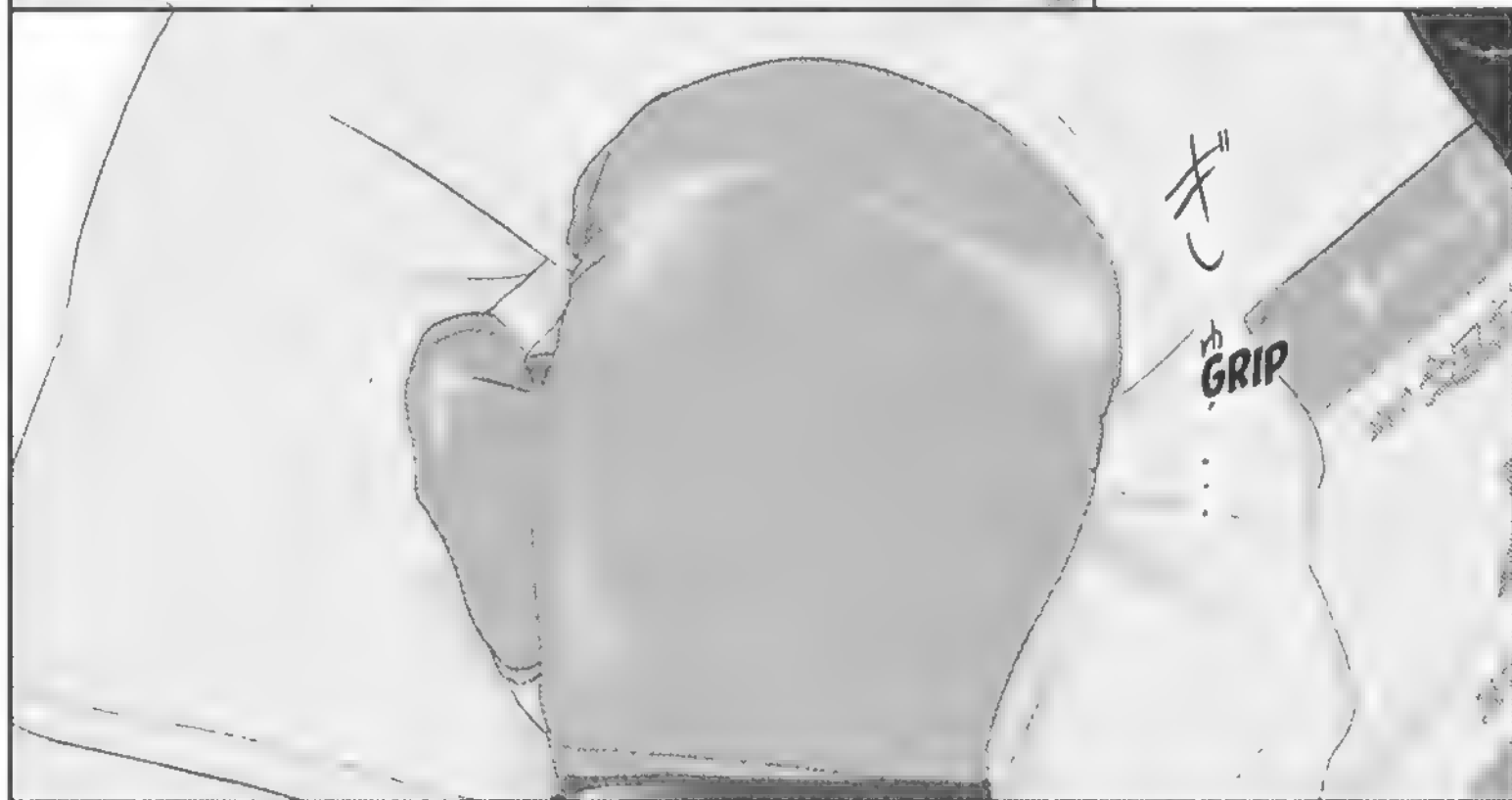
THUMP

顧客
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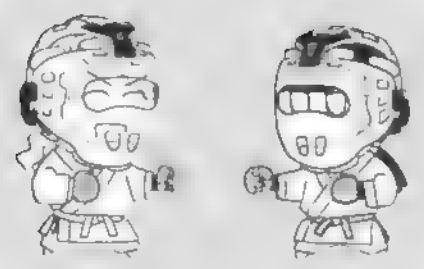


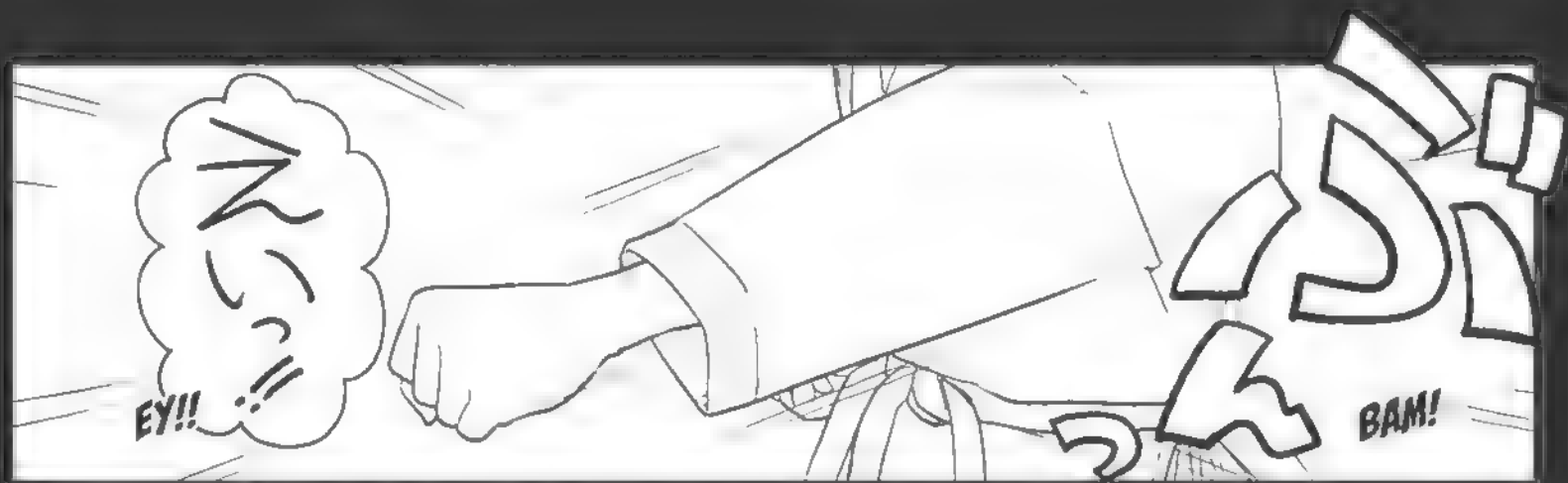






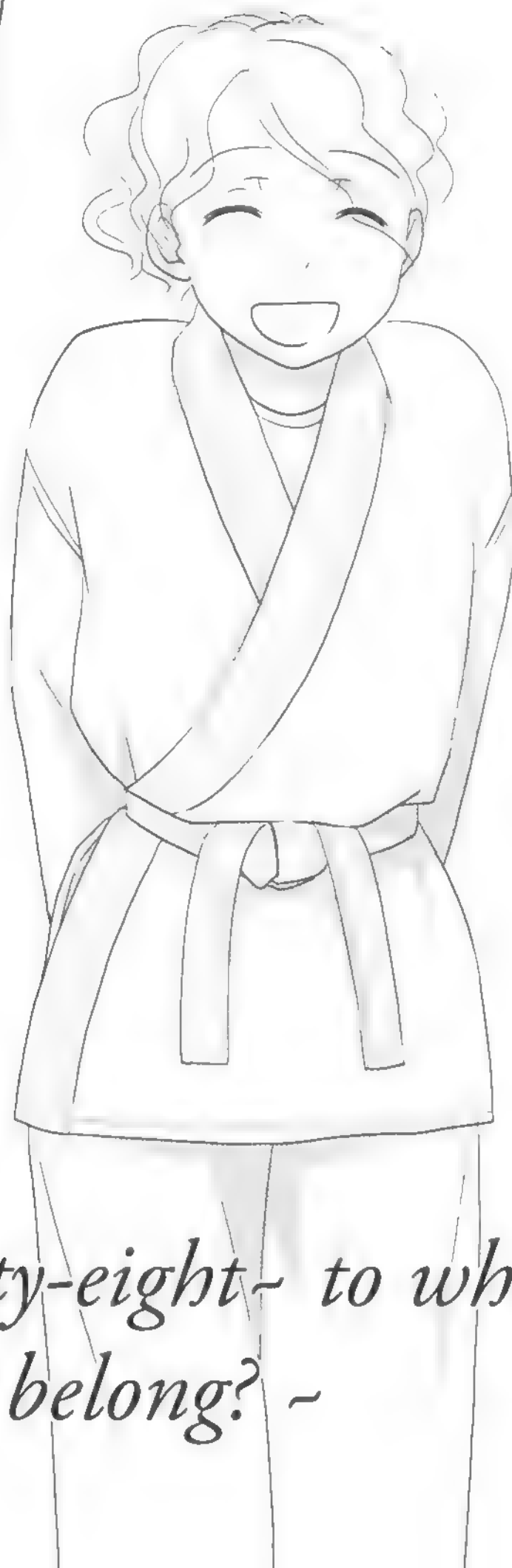






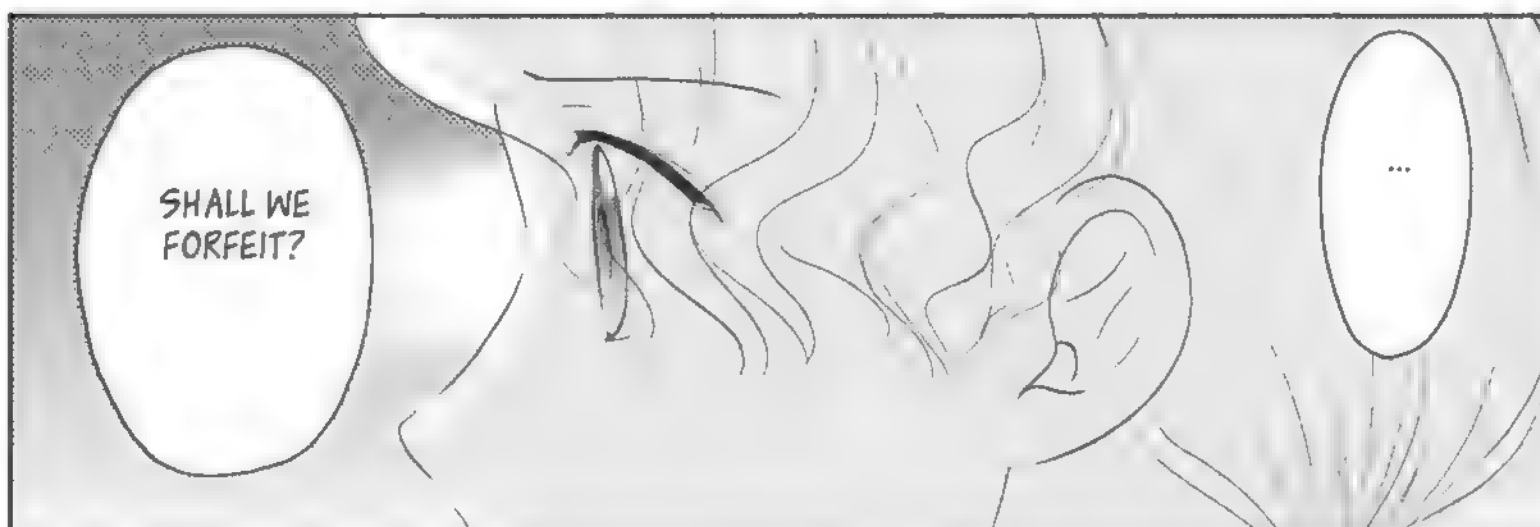
I'M NOT
DOING
THIS ALL
FOR YOU!

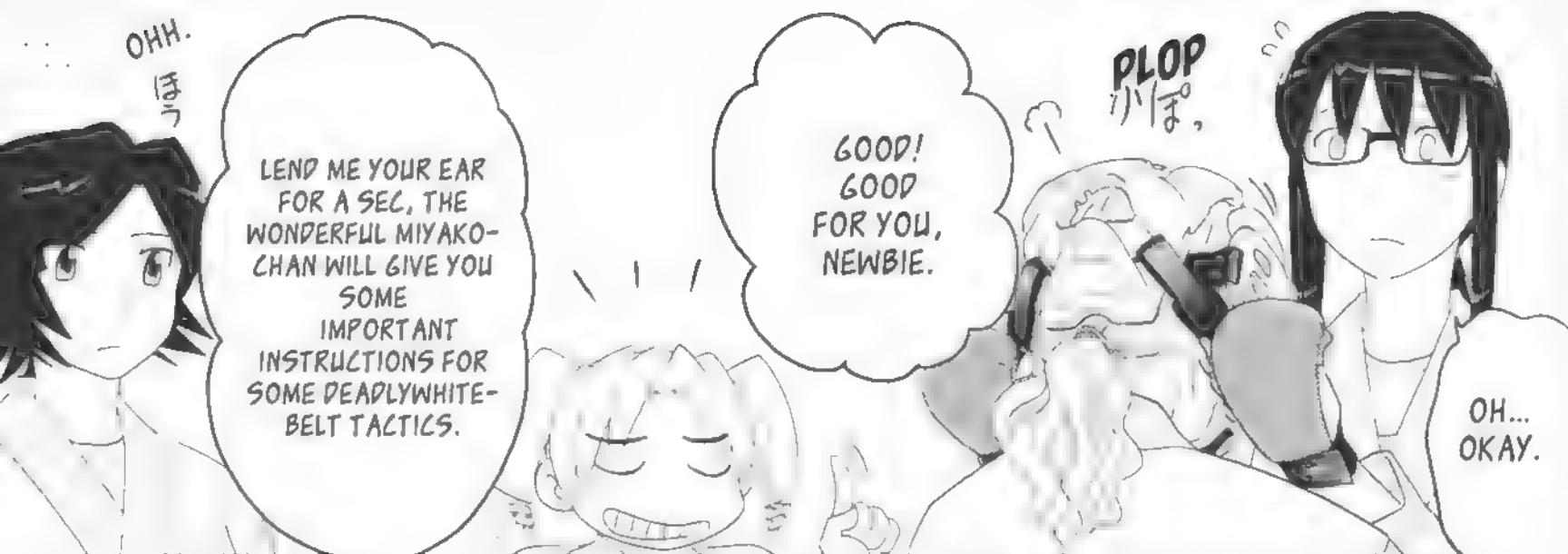
NAHHH!



*part thirty-eight~ to whom does
that love belong? ~*





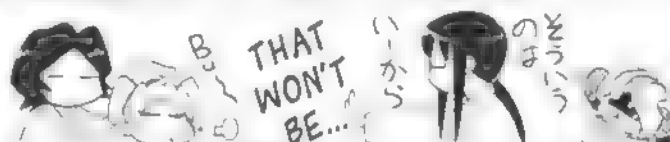


OHH.
ほー

LEND ME YOUR EAR
FOR A SEC, THE
WONDERFUL MIYAKO-
CHAN WILL GIVE YOU
SOME
IMPORTANT
INSTRUCTIONS FOR
SOME DEADLYWHITE-
BELT TACTICS.

GOOD!
GOOD
FOR YOU,
NEWBIE.

OH...
OKAY.



THAT
WON'T
BE...



COME ON,
SPEED IT
UP.

YOU MUST
BE WOR-
RIED ABOUT
SEMIMA-
RU-SAN,
BUT...

FOCUS ONLY
ON THE
OPPONENT
IN FRONT OF
YOU.

ONE
POINT!



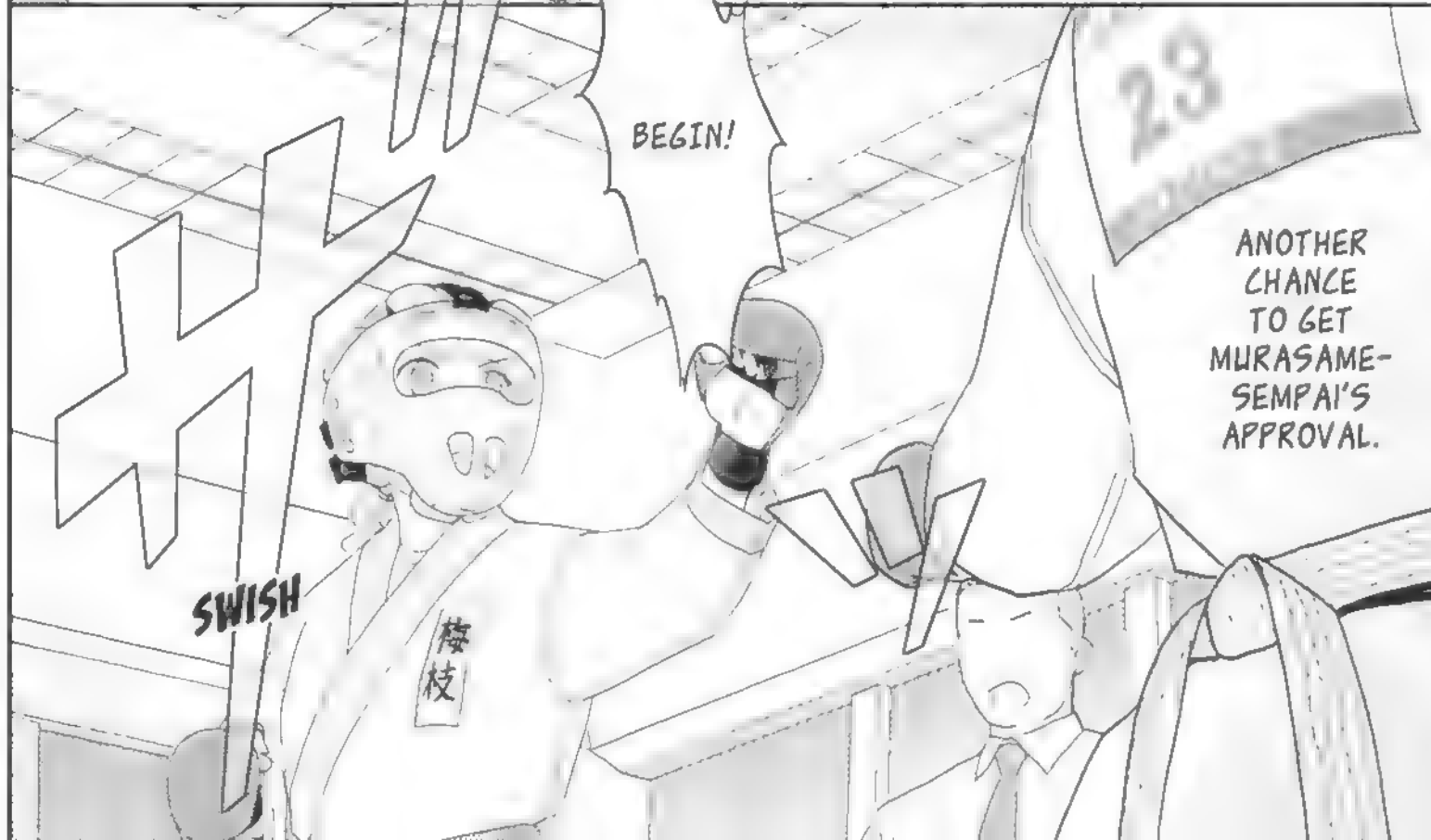
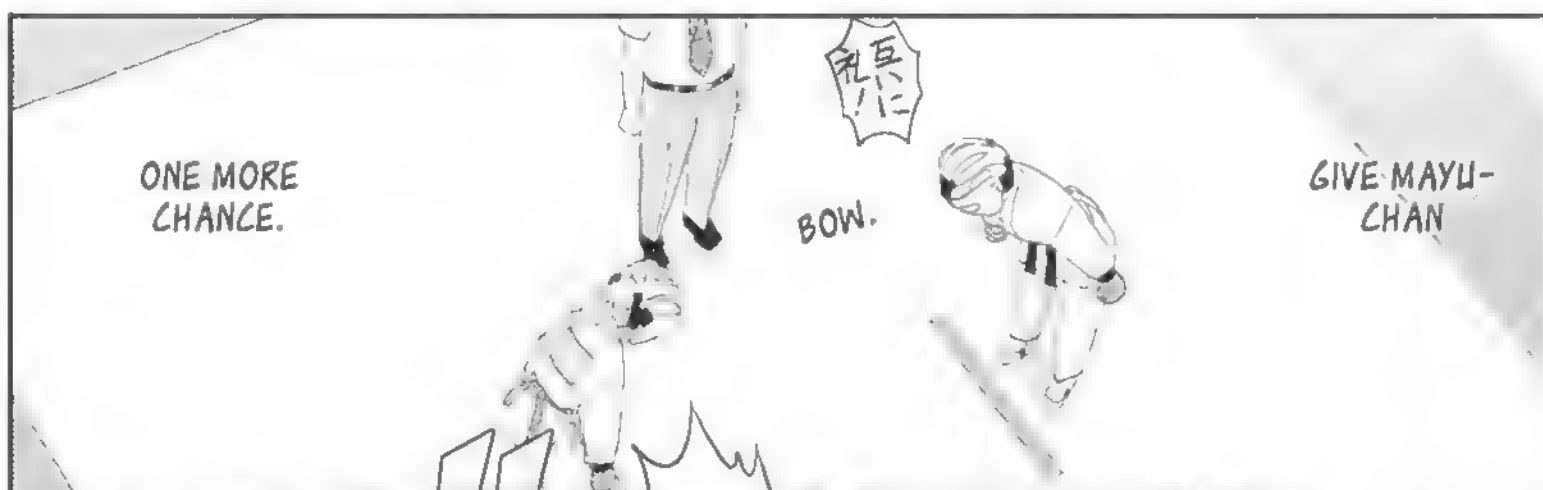
MATSUBA-
RA-SAN.



YES!!

DON'T BE
SCARED,
JUST DO
WHAT YOU
CAN!

UNDER-
STAND??



FOR MAYU-
CHAN!

I WILL...

YAAA--!!





待子

KOI IS WORK-
ING HARD
RIGHT NOW.

AHH...

MATSUB-
ARA-SAN,
TAKE IT
EASY.

YES...

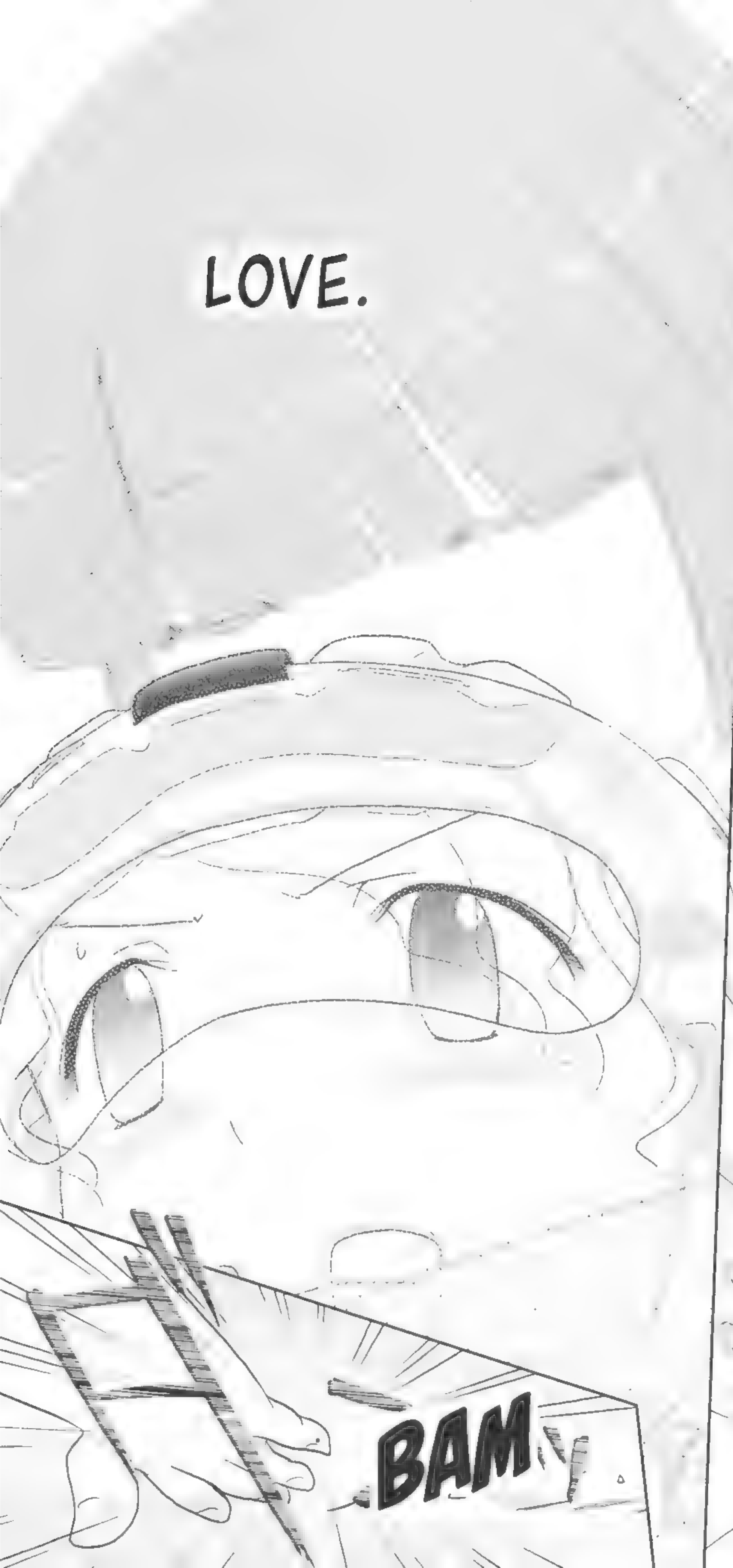
PAY AT-
TENTION
TO THE
OP-
PONENT,
KIDDO!

MIYAKO'S
PASSIONATE...

FOR ME...

校

LOVE.

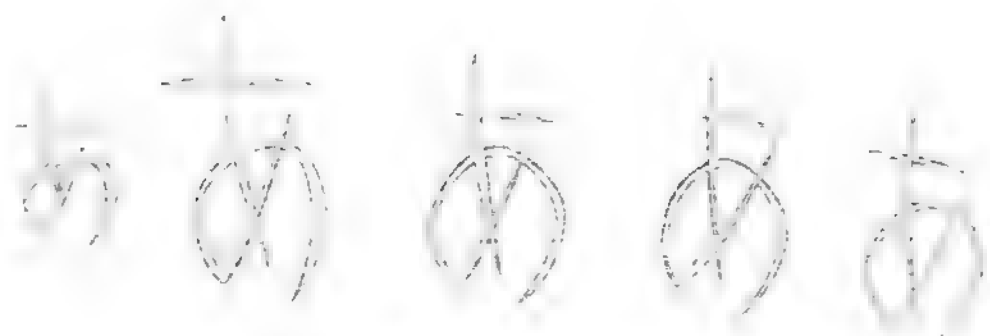
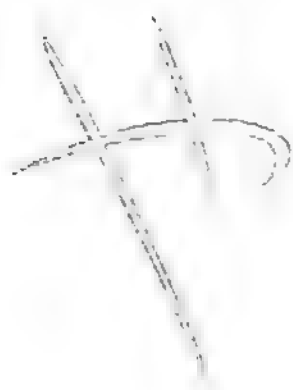


FOR MY...



BAM

THANK YOU,
KOI.



YAAAAHHH-!





OH-MAN,

あーあ

I WANTED
US TO WIN
IN THE
END.



WHY
COULDN'T
WE DO A
LIGHTNING
ROUND OR
SOME-
THING...

I DIDN'T
KNOW WE
LIVED IN
A "LET'S
ALL BE
FRIENDS"
SOCIETY.

BUT YOU
GUYS
CAME IN
THIRD
PLACE,
RIGHT?



EVEN IF
WE HAD A
LIGHTNING
ROUND,
OUR TEAM
WOULD
HAVE
FORFEITED
ANYWAY.

NO, I
THINK
IT WAS
GOOD.



RIGHT,
CAPTAIN?



SEEMS
LIKE YOU
WEREN'T
OVER
YOUR COLD
YET AND I
MADE YOU
COMPETE...

I'M
SORRY...



I WAS TAK-
ING THIS
TOO LIGHTLY
THINKING: OH
IT'S ONLY A
SCHOOL CLUB.

I NEED TO
RECON-
SIDER...

OH
NO,

MY COLD
IS...

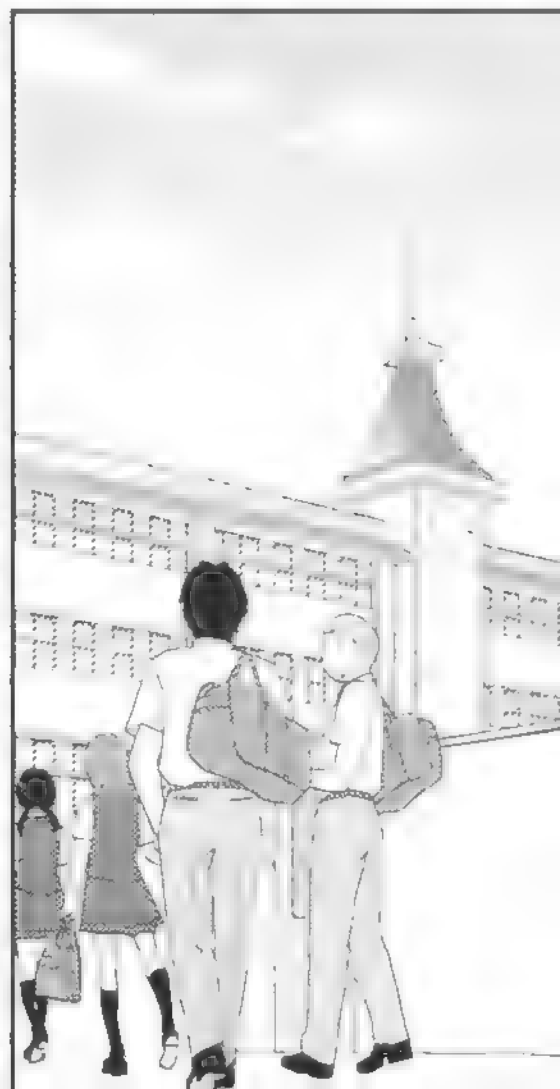
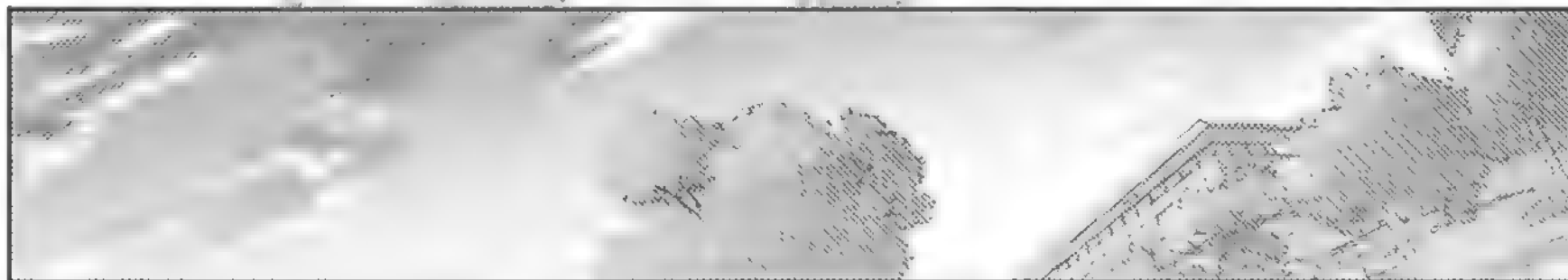
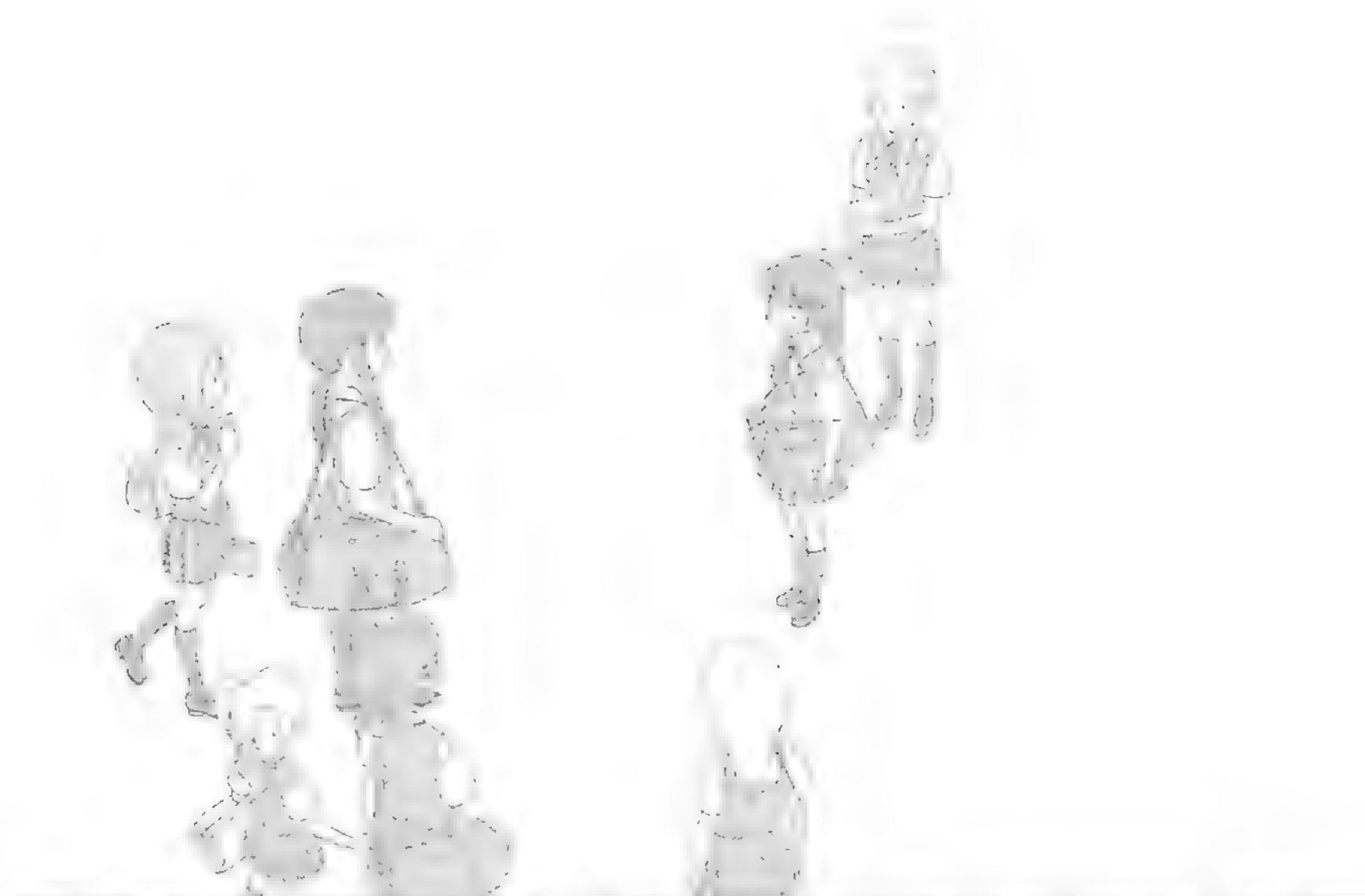


ONE MISTAKE
AND IT CAN
MEAN LIFE OR
DEATH.

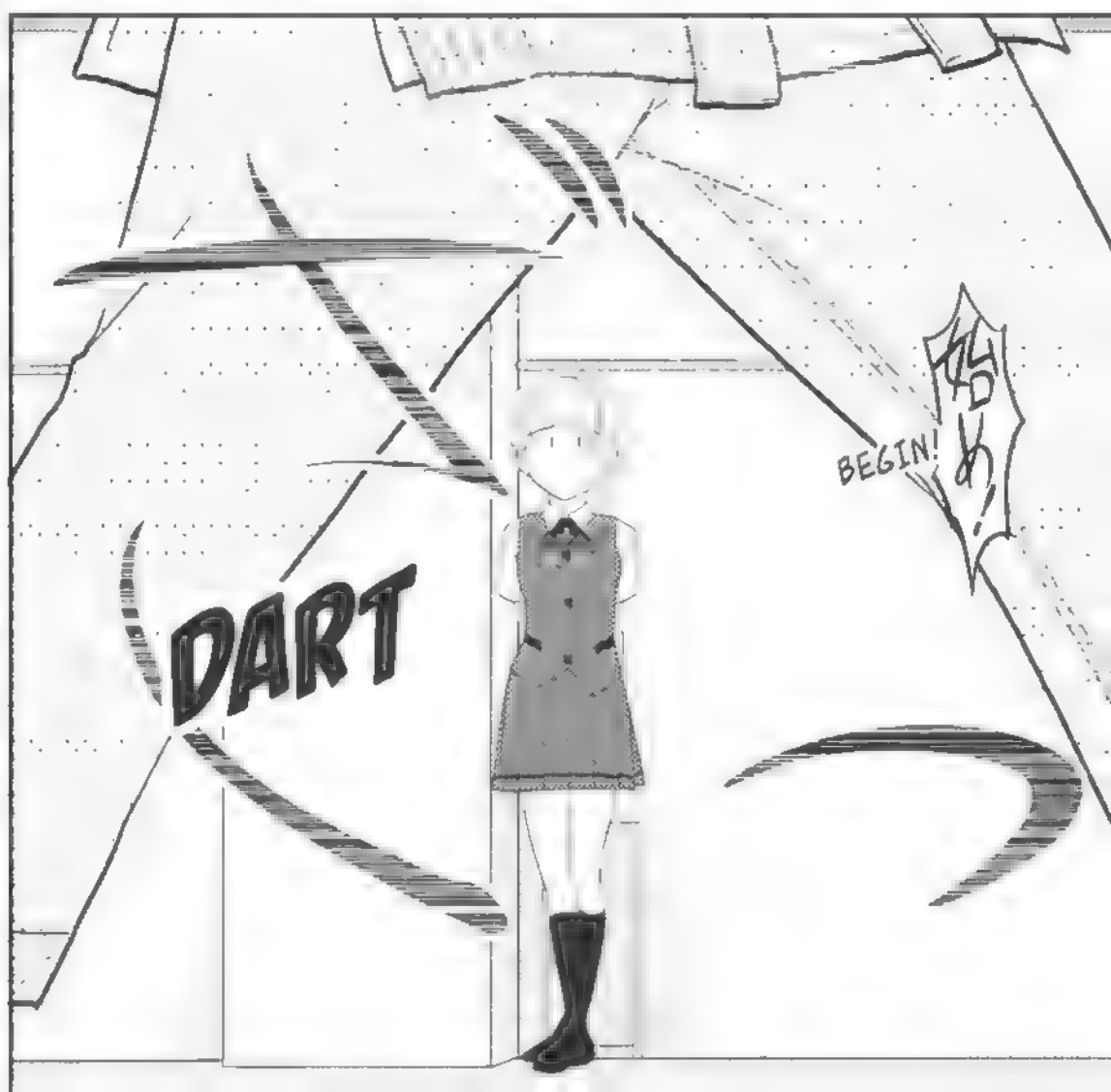
I THINK WE
WERE LUCKY
TODAY YOU'RE
ABLE TO WALK
HOME LIKE
THIS.

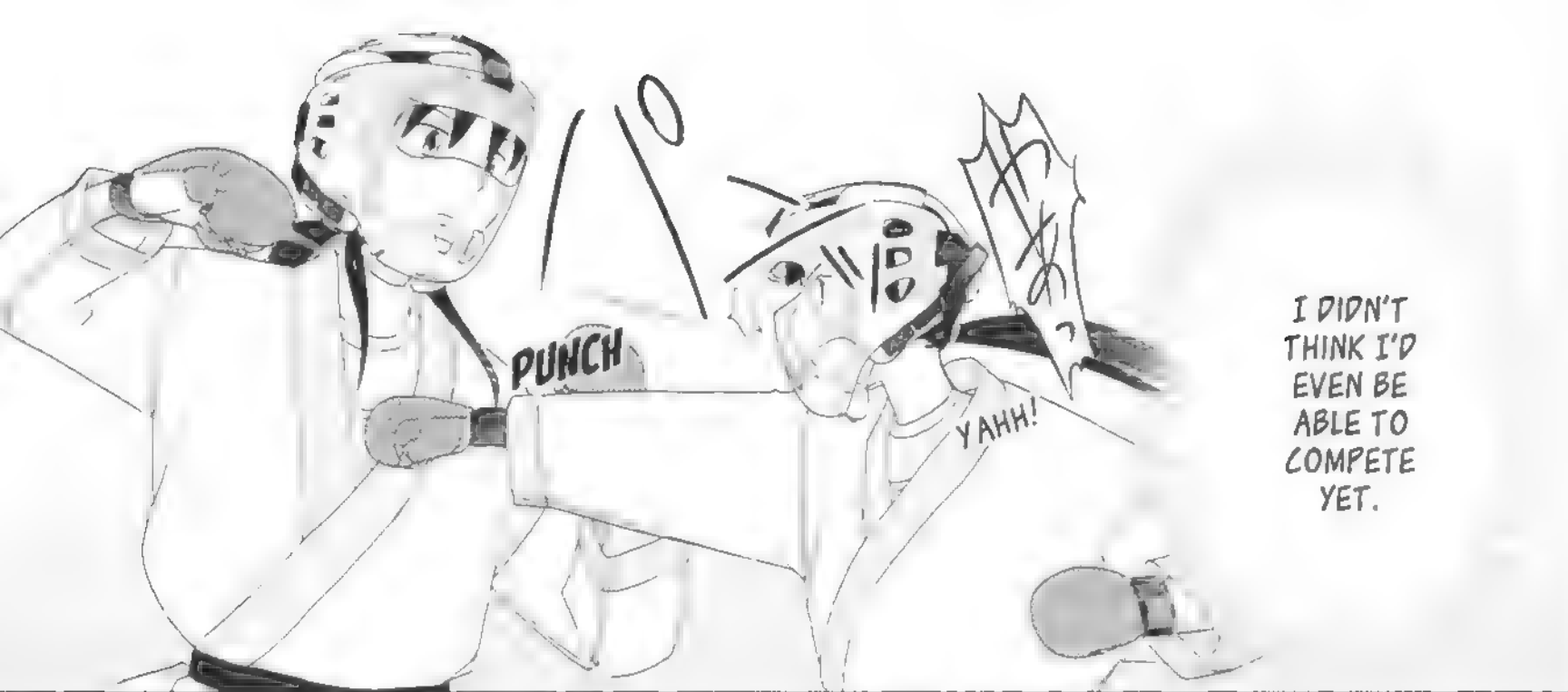








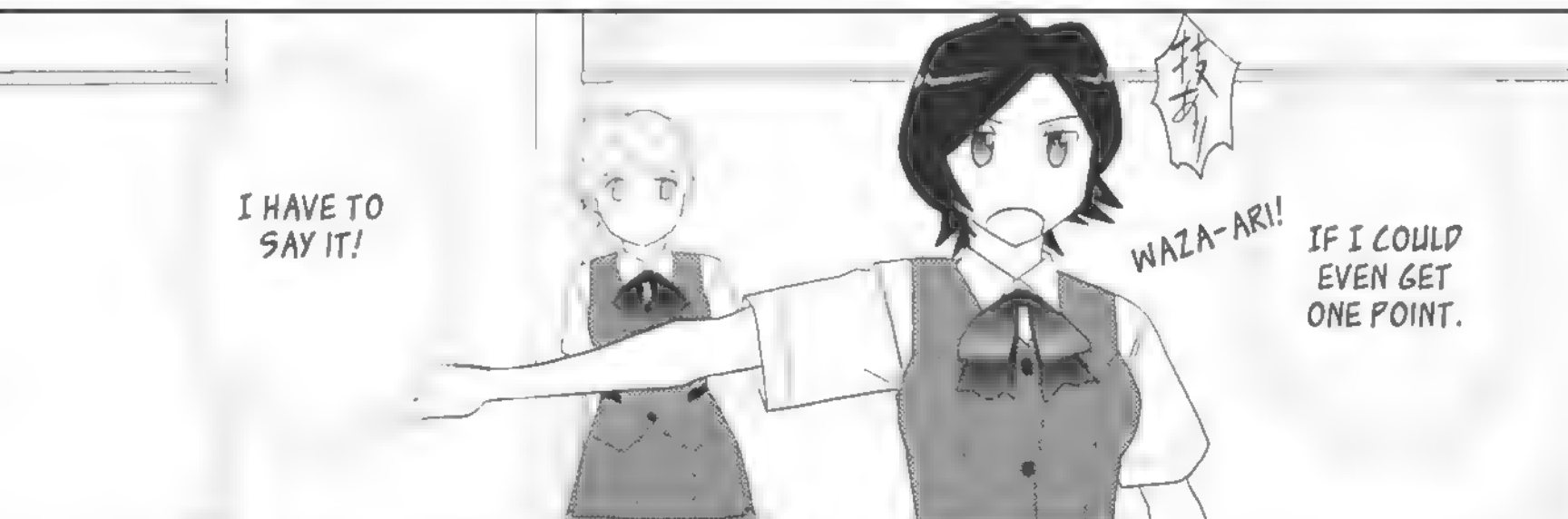




PUNCH

YAHH!

I DIDN'T
THINK I'D
EVEN BE
ABLE TO
COMPETE
YET.



I HAVE TO
SAY IT!

技あり
WAZA-ARI!

IF I COULD
EVEN GET
ONE POINT.



CAUSE
YOU ANY
TROUBLE,
KOI.

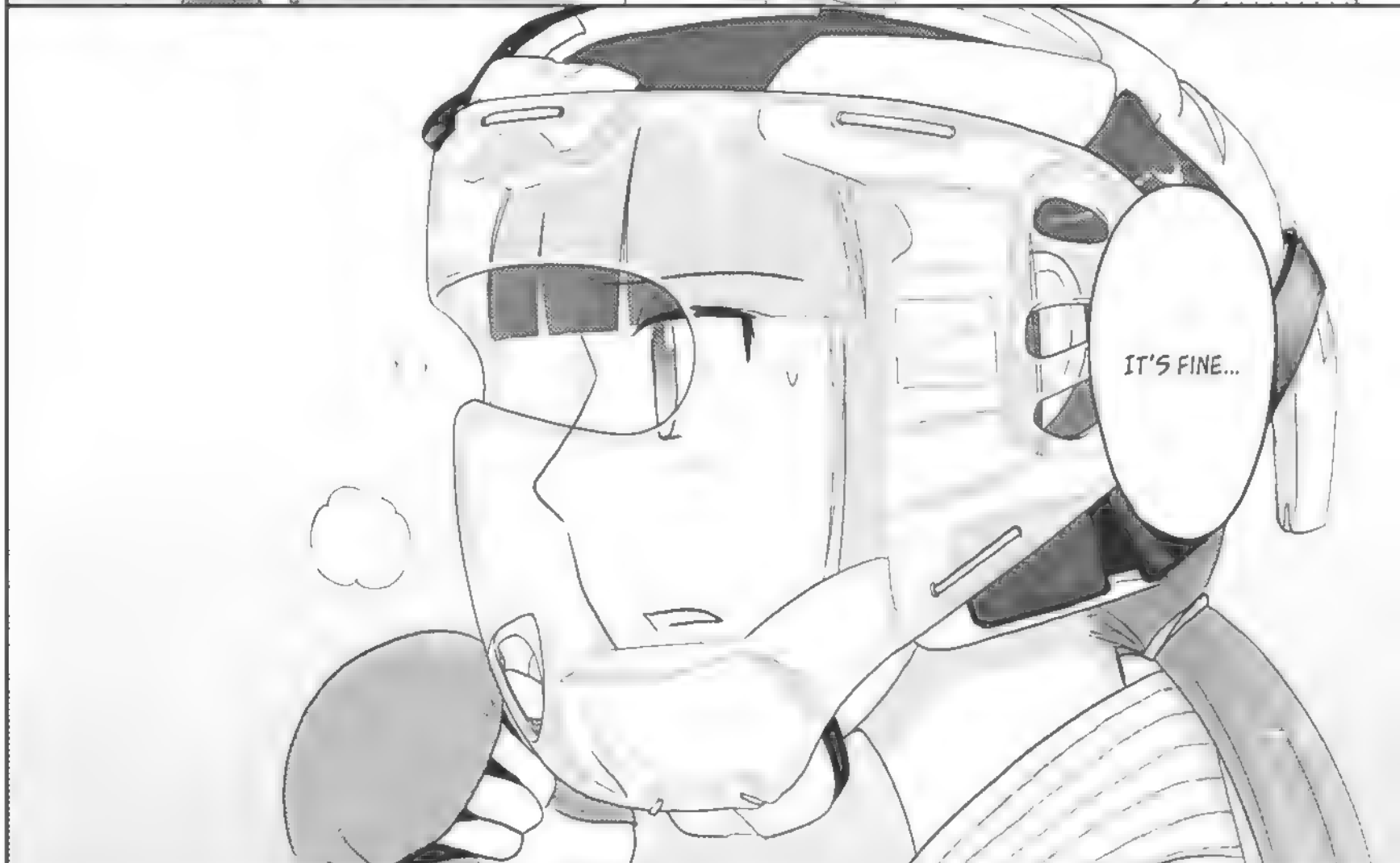
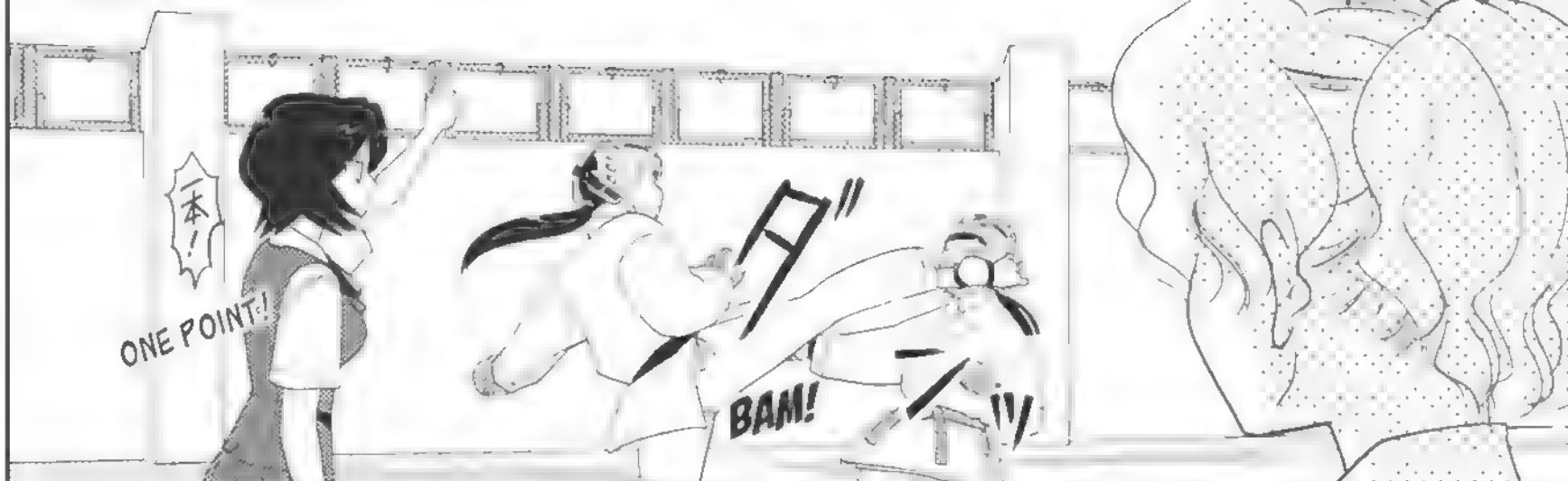


技あり
WAZA-ARI!
I DON'T
WANT TO.



THERE'S
NO POINT
IN DILLY-
DALLYING,

AND MOST
OF ALL...

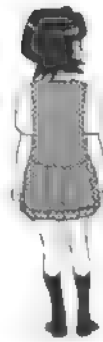




THAT'S
WHAT
MAKES
YOU MAYU-
CHAN.



...WERE YOU
ABLE TO
SCORE...



THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH!

NOT
EVEN ONE
POINT...

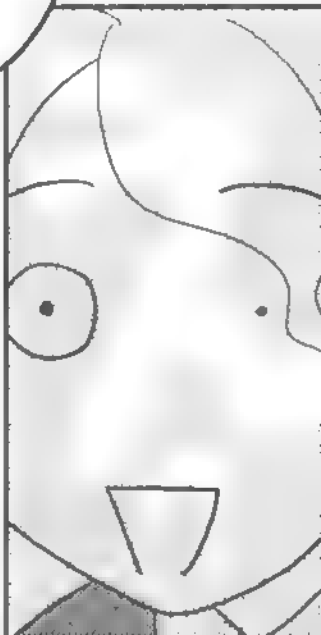
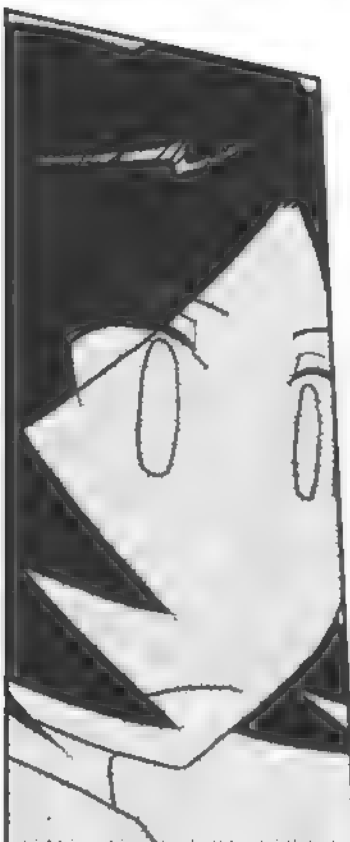


MU-
RASAME-
SEMPAI,

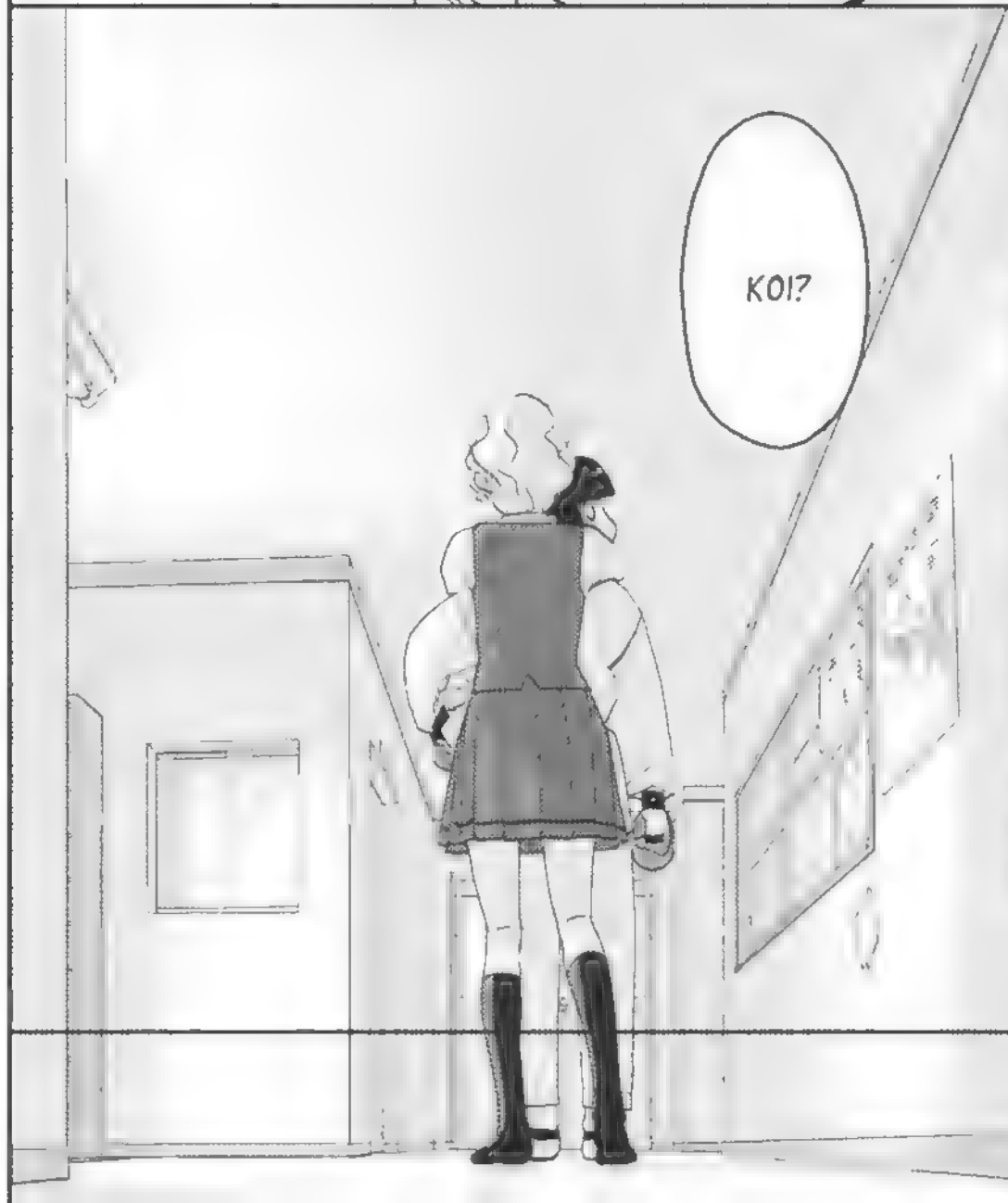


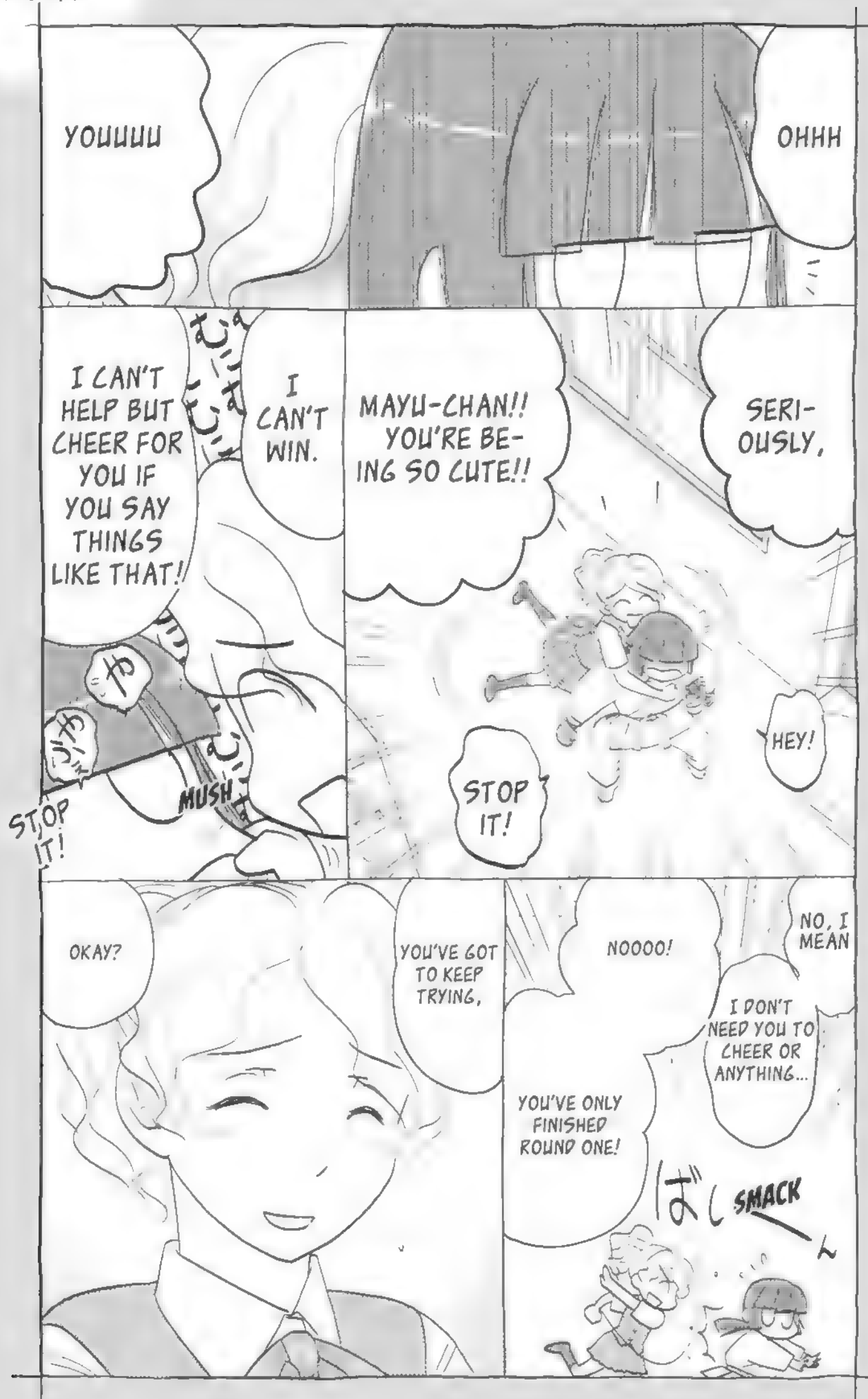
I

LIKE
YOU.











TO BE
BORN

TO BE
BORN

TO RAISE



part thirty-nine
~ rondo in the sea ~





I DON'T WANT MY CLASS PRESIDENT TO BE A GIRL...

HMM, MAYBE YASHIMA...

WHO ARE YOU GONNA VOTE FOR?



OH YEAH, I GUESS.

GET TO YOUR SEATS!

THE BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM PISSES ME OFF. THEY THINK THEY'RE HOT STUFF.

JUST CUZ THEY'RE KINDA GOOD...



ARE YOU STUPID? IT'S NOT FAIR IF YASHIMA, WHO GETS ALL THE GIRLS ALSO BECOMES CLASS PRESIDENT!

MURASAME'S PRACTICALLY A GUY ANYWAY!



OH NO, THAT'S NEXT PERIOD!

I HEARD WE'RE GONNA HAVE A QUIZ IN WRITING CLASS.

WHAT? DO YOU KNOW WHICH SECTION?!



CHATTER—
BE QUIET!!

THAT'S MESSED UP, MAN.



TYPE

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IT'S FINE,
IT'S JUST
GONNA BE
ON THE
SCHOOL
HOME
PAGE,
AFTER ALL.

I'LL ASK
THE
TEACHER
TO EDIT IT
LATER.

I'M NOT
USED TO
WRITING
THESE
THINGS,
SO I DON'T
KNOW IF
IT'S ANY
GOOD...

TYPE



WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?

I WAS
GONNA ASK
MU-
RASAME-
SAN BUT
SHE SEEMS
SO BUSY.

SINCE KA-
RATE CLUB
GOT THIRD
PLACE, I
WAS TOLD
TO WRITE
AN ARTICLE
ABOUT IT...

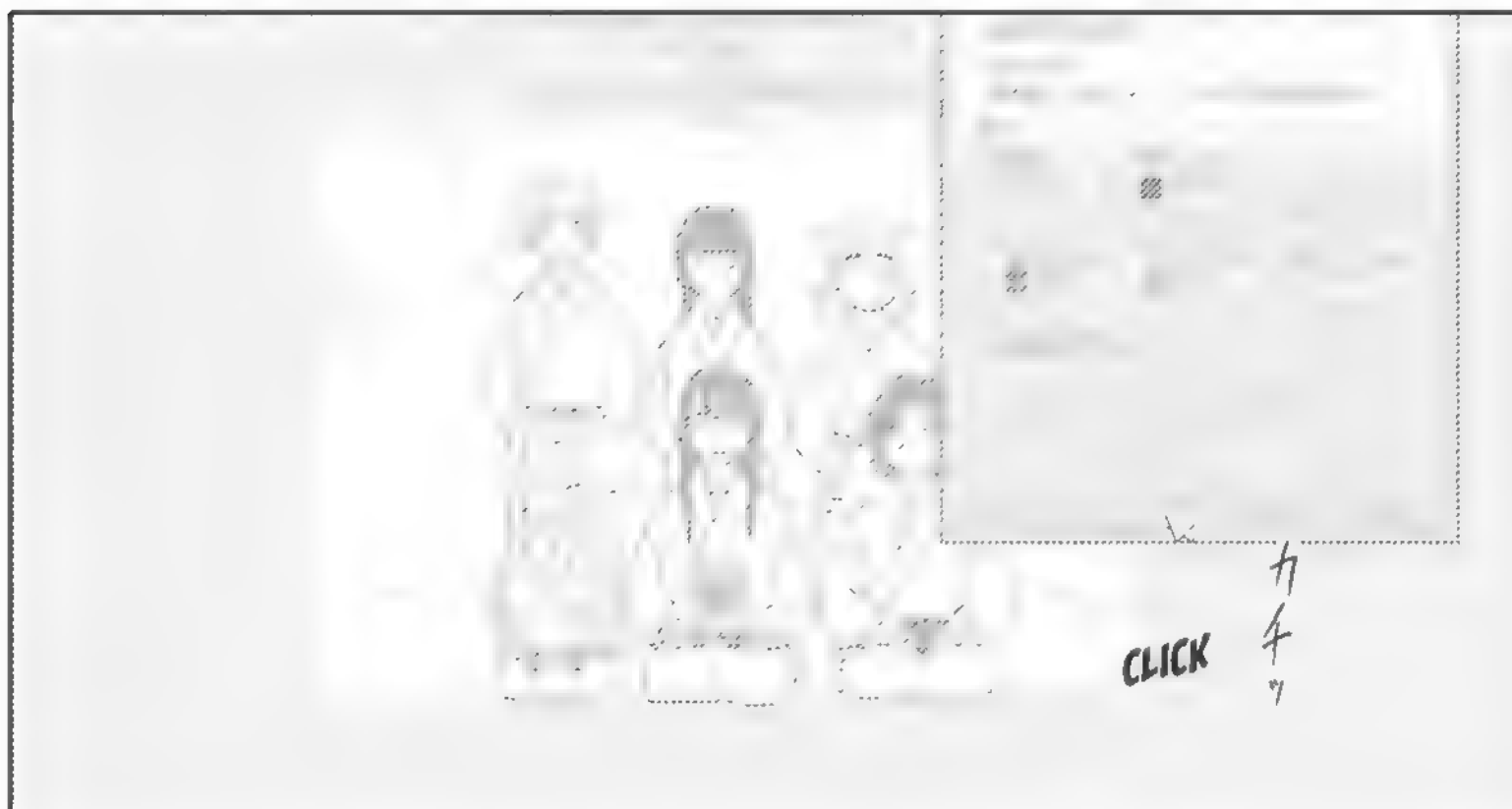
I'M SO
GLAD YOU
WERE HERE
TO HELP.

HUH?
YOU'RE
DONE
ALREADY?

TYPE

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WHAT ARE
YOU, PEDO?
ロリコン
ボーイ

I LIKE HER.

私の好き
あのコ

OH SHE'S
CUTE!

かわいい
ねー

BUT LIKE,
AREN'T THE
PEOPLE
AROUND
HER REALLY
WEIRD?

LIKE
THAT TINY
EXCHANGE
STUDENT

OHH THOSE
TWO...

THEY FOR
REAL?

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のな

AND WHAT,
THAT
LESBIAN
COUPLE?

:YEAHH
THAT'S
WEIRD.

ないわー
ありゃないわー

WAIT, SO
THIS PER-
SON'S THE
LEADER OF
WEIRDOS?

WELL,
THEY'RE
GIRLS AND
WANT TO
DO KARATE,
SO THEY'VE
GOT TO BE
STRANGE...

WHATEVER,
I THINK
THAT'S
COOL!

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ー

SHE'S RE-
ALLY INTO
IT, RIGHT?

ダイエ
とかじゃ
ないの?

OH, IT'S
NOT LIKE
A DIET OR
SOME-
THING?

（えー）
SCARY!

THEY TRIED TO
GET GIRLS FROM
MY TEAM TO JOIN
THEIR ALL GIRLS'
TEAM LAST YEAR!

顔だけ
だよー
YEAH,
SHE'S
PROBABLY
JUST A
PRETTY
FACE.

THE OTHER ONE
LOOKS REALLY BORING
AND UNIMPORTANT...

（あー？）
あは
I DON'T
KNOW!
HAHAHA.

女子部
何ソレ
WHAT DO
THEY MEAN,
GIRLS'
TEAM?

I ASKED IF THEY
WERE SERIOUS.

THEN THEY SAID
THERE'S ONE IN
SECOND-YEAR
WHO'S PRETTY
POPULAR.

WHAT? YOU'RE
NOT TALKING
ABOUT THAT
COUPLE, ARE
YOU?

WHO IS THIS
PERSON, IS SHE
THAT WEIRD?

なんか
うしろ
誰か
言った
I DUNNO,
SOMEONE
SAID SO.

IS SHE ALSO
IN KARATE?

マジ
でー
SERIOUSLY?

（えー）
SCARY!

（えー）
YEAHH.

さ中
あ学
WELL, DURING
MIDDLE
SCHOOL.

押し
倒
ちゃ
う
か
I HEARD
SHE USED
TO GET
BULLIED.





YES I...

OHH YEAH,
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

I LOVE
READING
FASHION
MAGAZINES
AND STUFF!!

SPIN

I CAN'T
HAVE HER
FIND OUT
ABOUT MY
BROTHER...

お兄ちゃんのこと
は勘ぐられ
ないようねー

あー
あぶない
PHEW, THAT
WAS CLOSE!



AM I JUST
IMAGINING
IT?

気のせい
かしら

IT REALLY
REMINDS ME OF
SOMETHING...

KAZAMA-
SAN'S
WRITING
STYLE...

ドキ
JERK

HM?



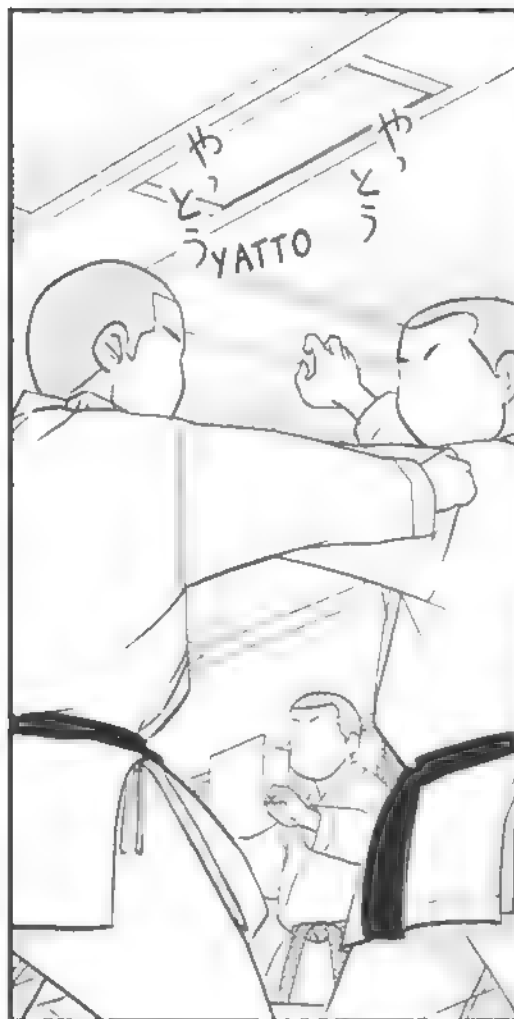
OH, UH.

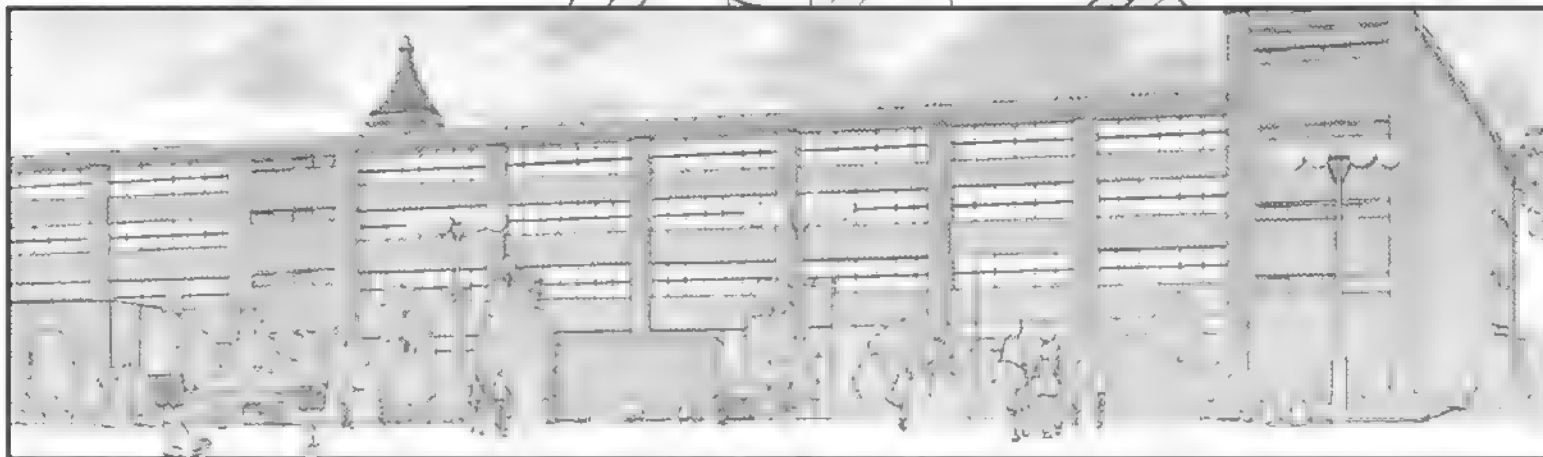
IT'S
NOTHING,
I'M SORRY.

STIFFEN

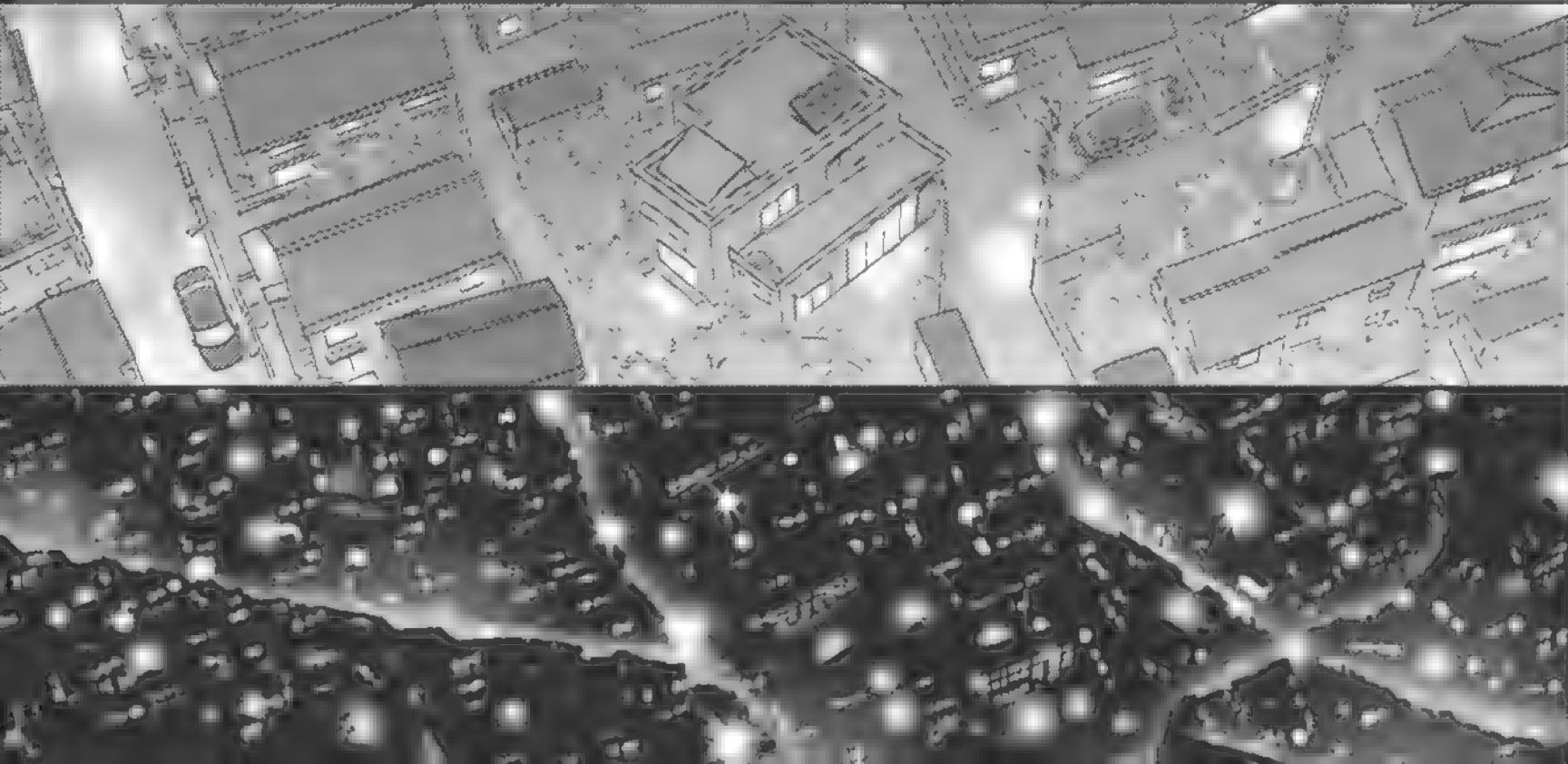
Y..YES?

THUMP
THUMP



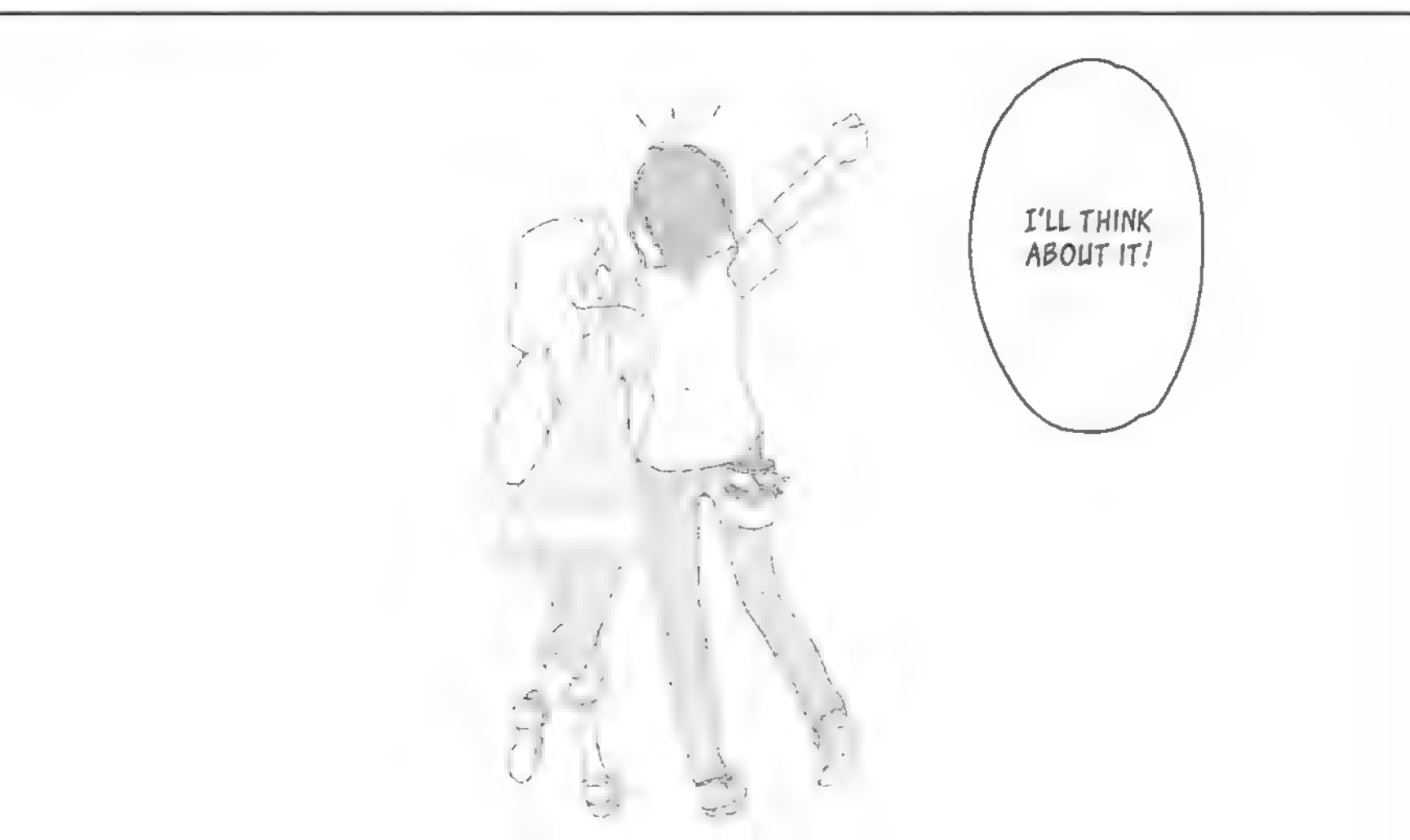
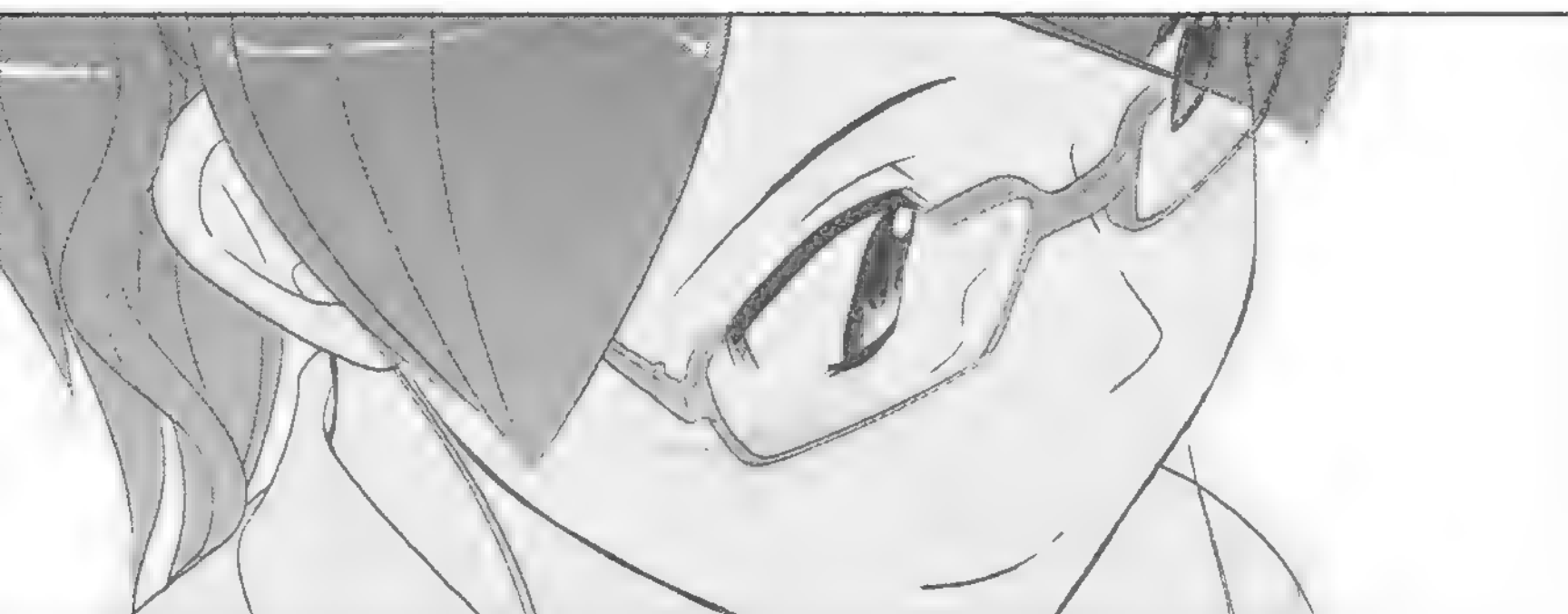
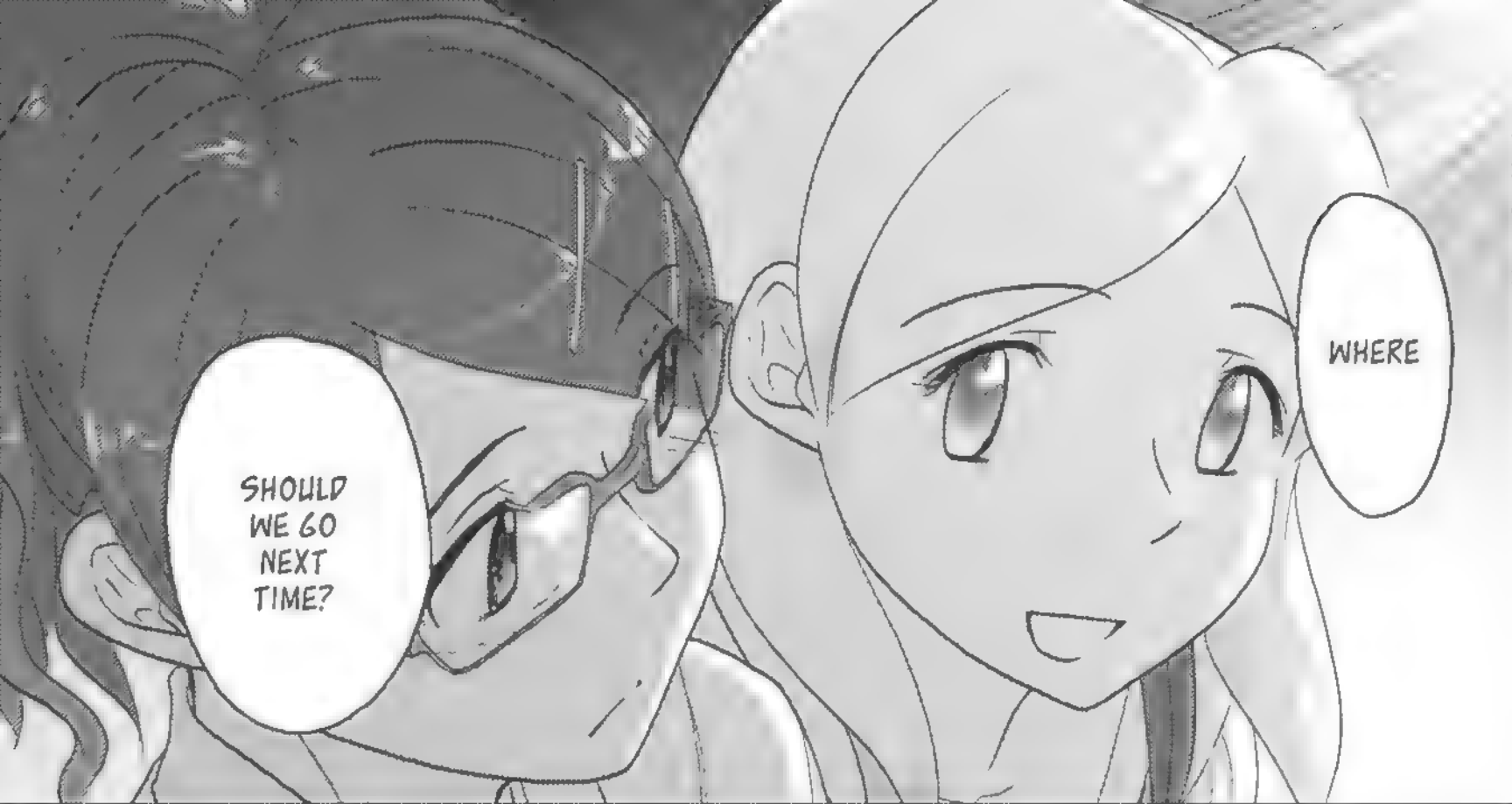










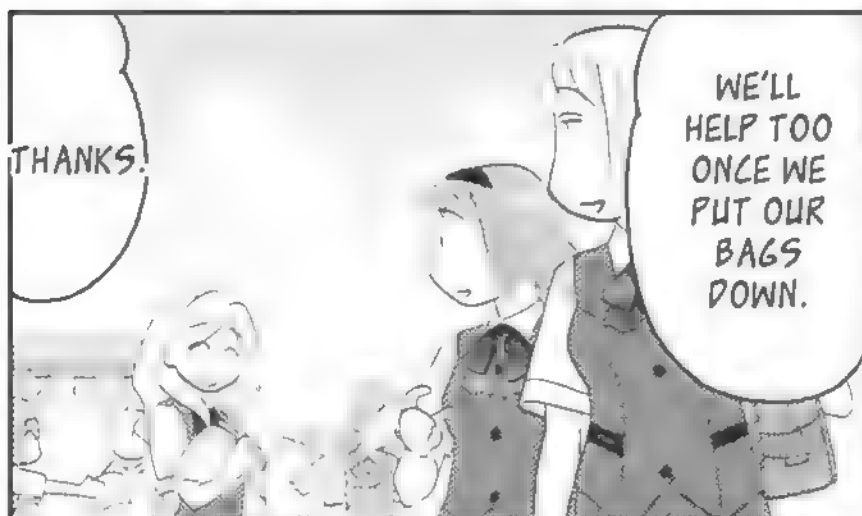
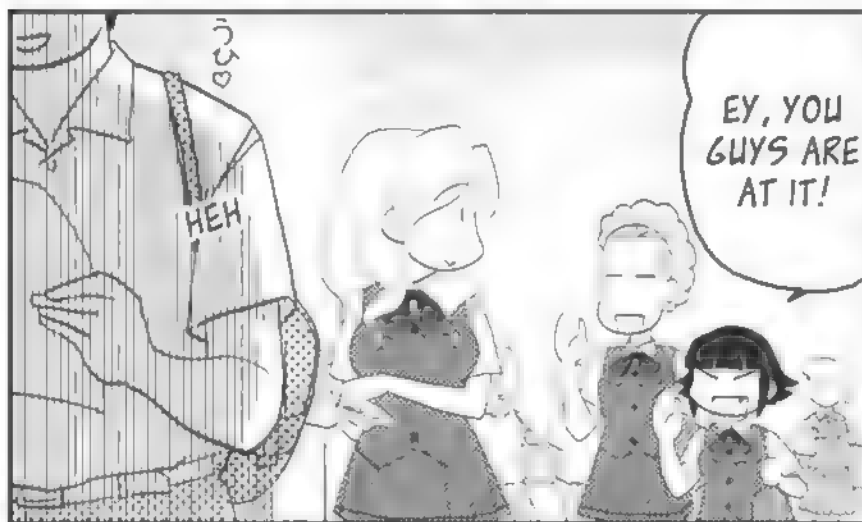


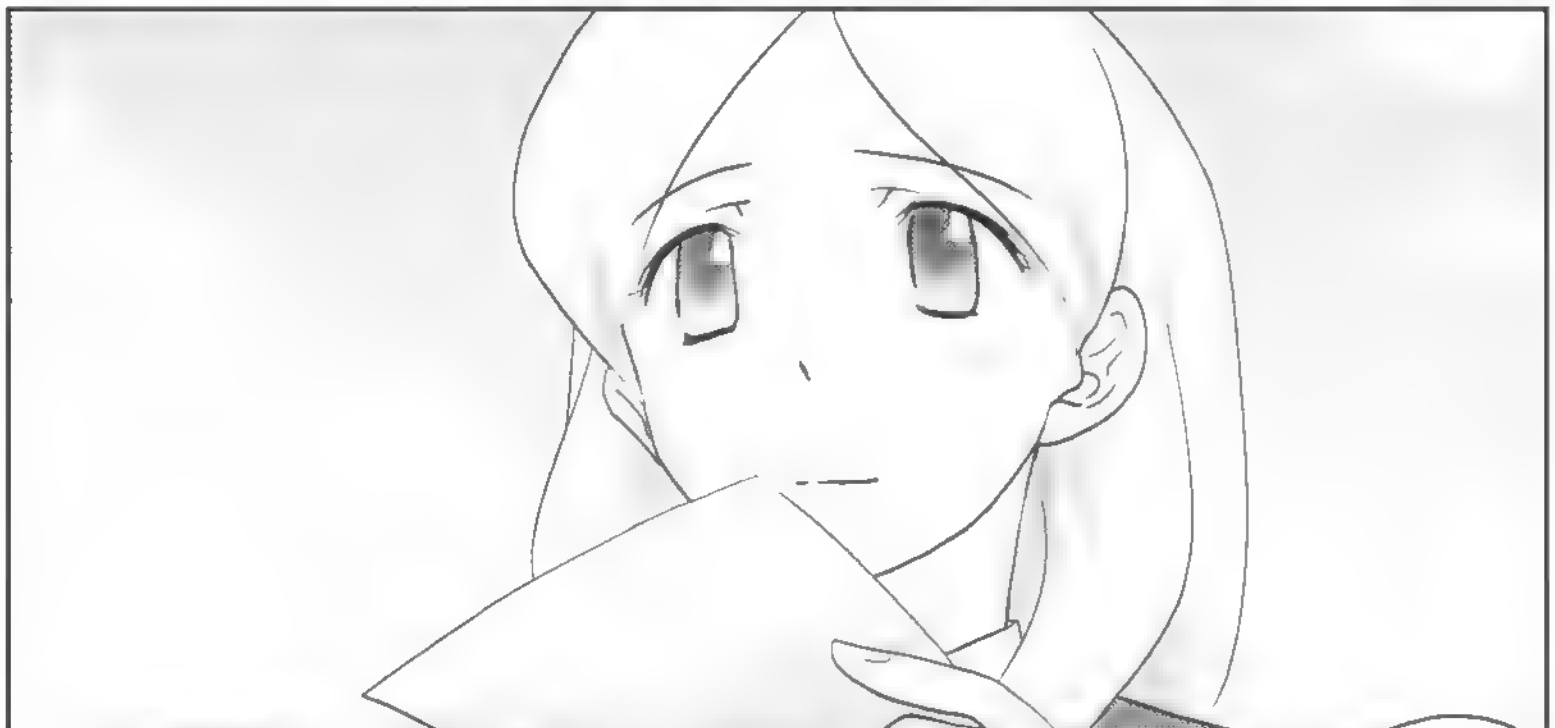
最早
申し訳なく
早く
お忙し
がし

I APOLOGIZE FOR
DISTURBING YOUR
BUSY MORNING...

おはよう
先生
枝京
君

GOOD MORNING,
FELLOW STUDENTS
OF UMEGAE HIGH
SCHOOL!



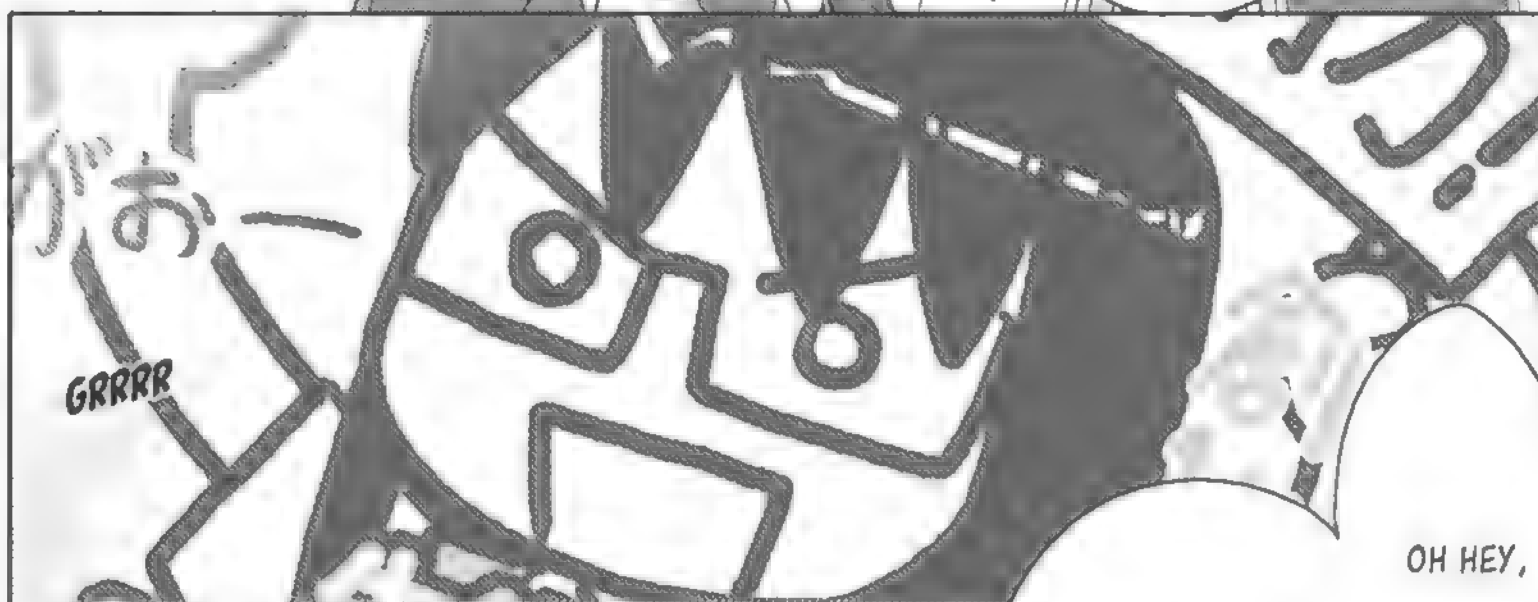




GOTTA SAY
SHE'S GOOD
AT LOOKING
AFTER PEOPLE.

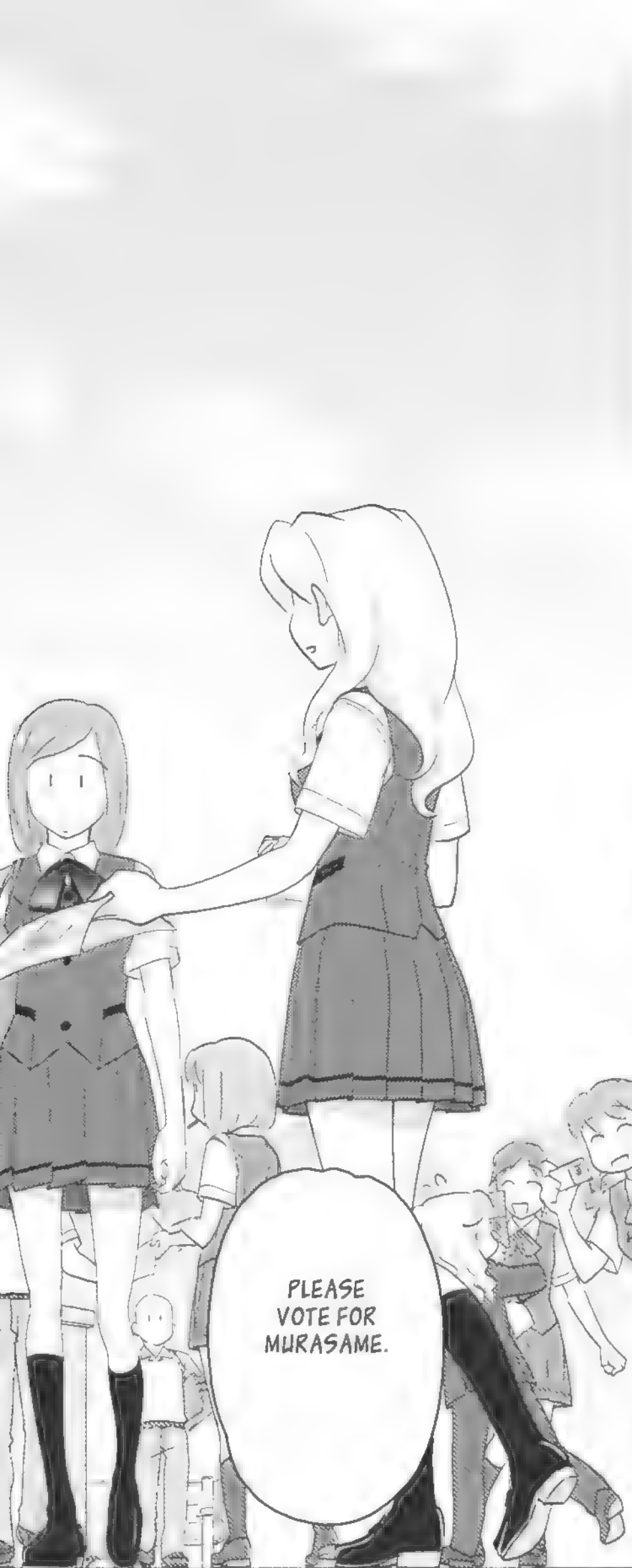
IT SUITS HER
PERSONALITY,
WHETHER SHE
LIKES IT OR
NOT.

SHE WAS
ON STUDENT
COUNCIL
THROUGHOUT
ELEMENTARY
AND MIDDLE
SCHOOL,



OH HEY,

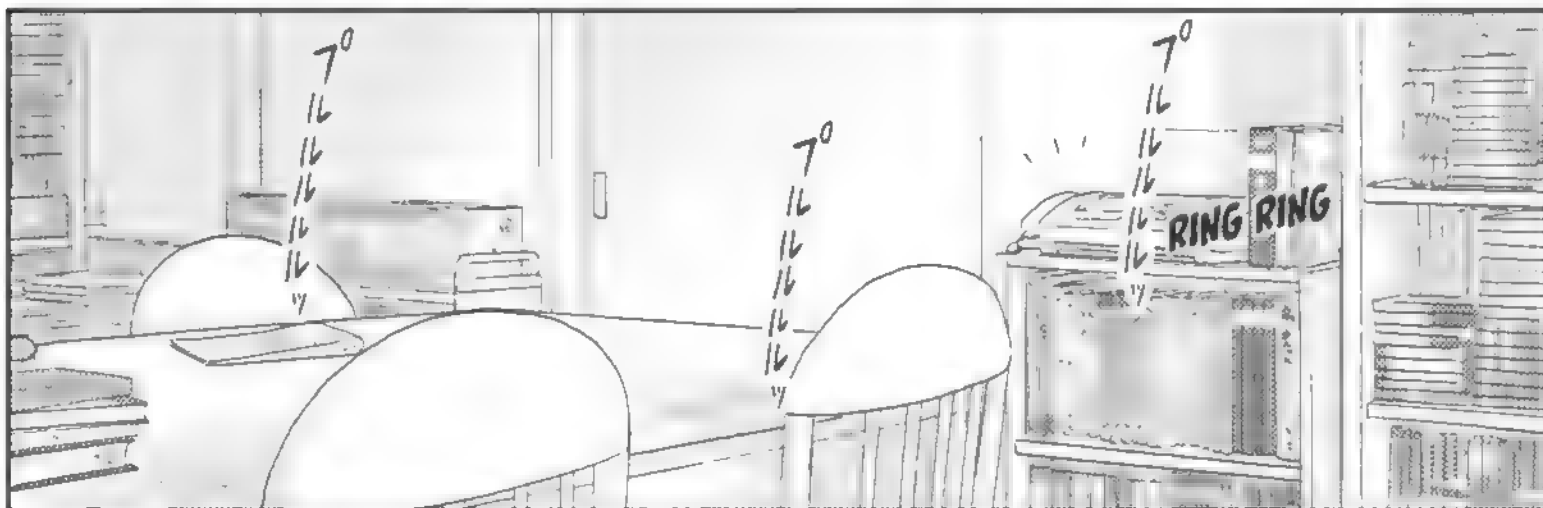
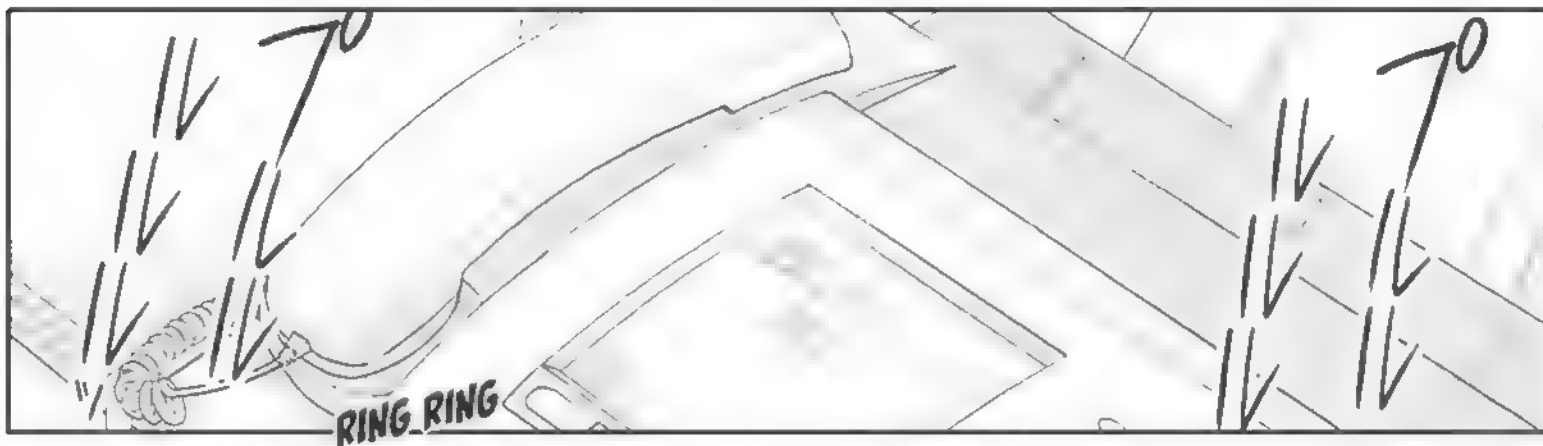
WHY DON'T YOU GIVE
HER
SUPPORTING SPEECH,
KAZAMA-SAN?



IF I DID IT...

I'D END UP
DRAGGING
HER DOWN
INSTEAD.

PLEASE
VOTE FOR
MURASAME.



WELL I'M OFF NOW...
私はこれで...
い

読むだよな
やばり
どこかで
...うん
い

HM... I DEFINITELY FEEL LIKE I'VE READ THIS SOMEWHERE...

2 周 日

Ｔシャツ 替え

CHANGED
TSHIRT

WHAT?

UH WELL I
DON'T RE-
ALLY...

WE HAVE
TO!

CLOTHES!

LET'S SHOP
FOR CLOTHES
NEXT TIME!

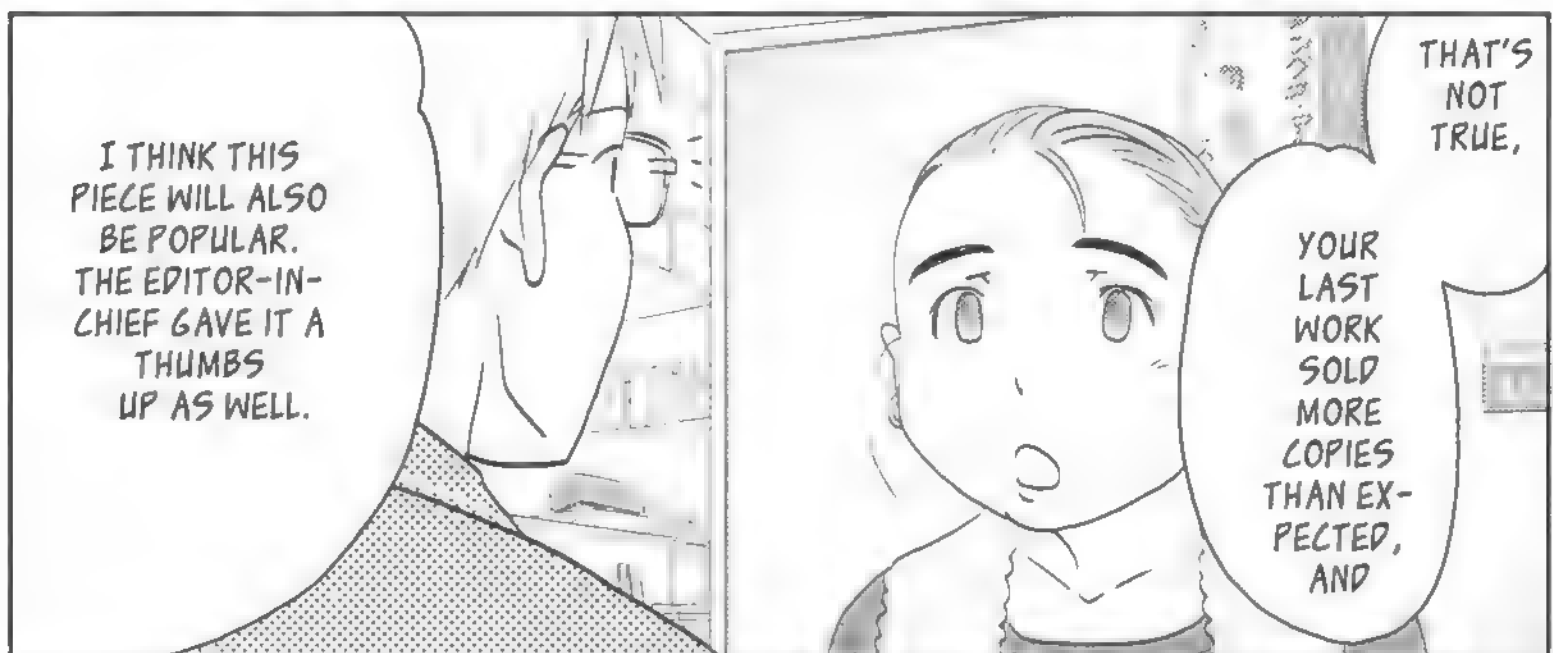
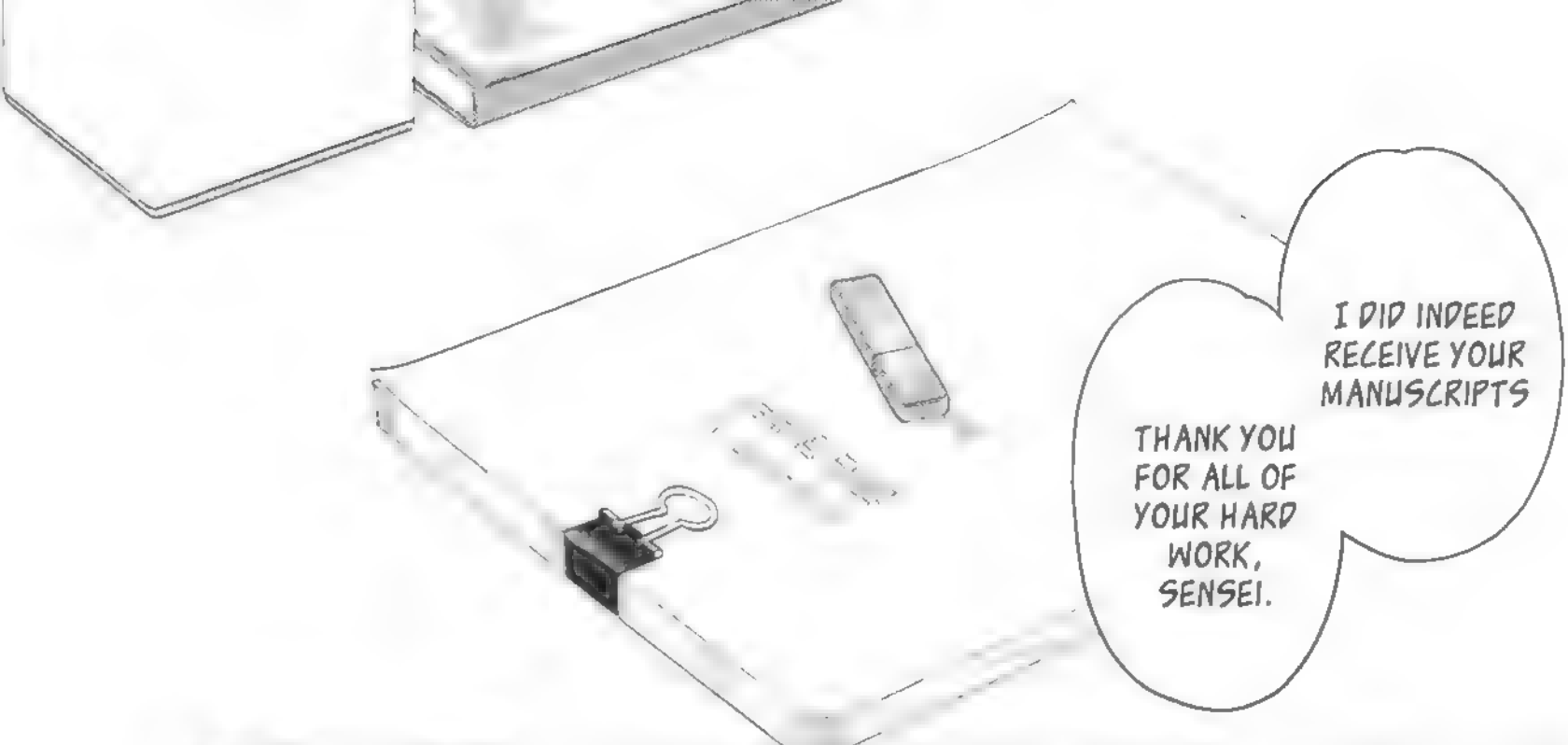
?

SQUEEZE



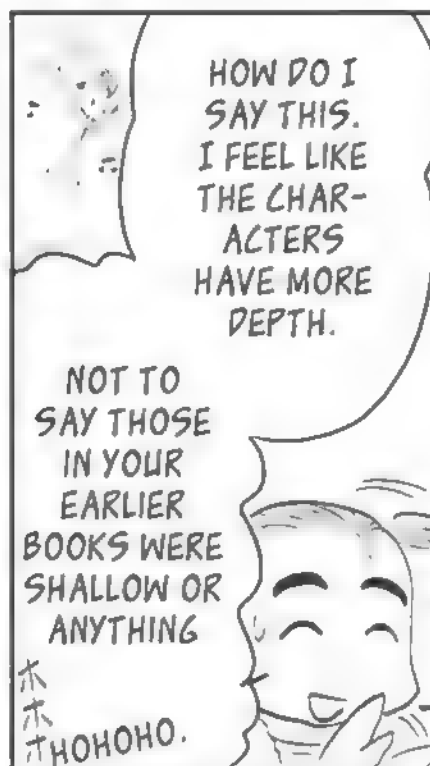


part fourty
~ open & close ~





DID
YOU COME
TO SOME
SORT OF
EPIPHANY?



HOW DO I
SAY THIS.
I FEEL LIKE
THE CHAR-
ACTERS
HAVE MORE
DEPTH.



TH-
THANK
YOU.

NOT TO
SAY THOSE
IN YOUR
EARLIER
BOOKS WERE
SHALLOW OR
ANYTHING

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HOHOHO.



I CAN'T
SAY WE'RE
AHEAD BY
A HUGE
MARGIN
BUT...

HMMM



I HOPE
SO...



YEAH
BUT THE
NUMBER OF
GIRLS IN
ATHLEAGUE
IS SMALL
AND...

**ATHLEAGUE=
ATHLETICS
TEAMS LEAGUE

AND THANKS
TO THE HELP OF
THE PREVIOUS
PRESIDENT, WE
HAVE MOST OF
THE VOTES
FROM THE
THIRD YEARS,
SO AREN'T WE
GOOD?

WE HAVE
GUARANTEED
VOTES FROM
THE MAJORITY
OF THE GIRLS'
ATHLETICS
TEAMS AND
THE
CULTURAL
CLUBS.



TADAAAAAAA



IT'S FINE
IF I CAN'T
BE CLASS
PRESI-
DENT...

GUYS,
IT'S
REALLY
OKAY.

A HUGE ADVANTAGE
TO OUR CLUB BUDGET...
THAT'S THE TRUTH!

THE CLASS
PRESIDENT
IS ONE
OF OUR
OWN! THAT
MEANS...

TSK TSK



IT'S LIKE,
OFFICIAL
BUSINESS...
QUID PRO
QUO, YA
FEEL?

OH STOP
IT YOUUU.
YOU KNOW,
THIS...
IT'S...

I'M NOT
GOING TO
DO IT!

FAVORITISM
IS OUT OF
THE
QUESTION!



IT'S THE
SAME FOR
MOST
CULTURAL
CLUBS TOO.

NOT FAIR IF
ONLY THE
GIRLS GET
EXTRA,
GIMME
SOME TOO.

FOR REAL.

WE'RE IN
THE SOCCER
CLUB AND
THEY TREAT
US LIKE WE
DON'T
MATTER.

NO BUT
REALLY, IT'S
FINANCIALLY
DIFFICULT
FOR GIRLS'
CLUBS.



BEWARE OF
LESBOS!

lesbosに
注意!

OH!

I'M USED
TO THESE
THINGS.

TUCK AWAY

HACHI...

PSH

IF THEY
THINK THIS
SORT OF
THING WILL
HURT US IN
ANY WAY,
THEY'RE SO
WRONG.

THEY SLIPPED
IT INTO OUR
LOCKERS AND
PUT THEM ALL
AROUND THE
CLUBROOMS
PLACES
TEACHERS
WOULDN'T REALLY
FIND THEM IN.

YASHIMA'S
GROUP...
WHAT DIRTY
PLAY.



THIS ISN'T A DIRECT ATTACK ON MURASAME, IS IT?

BUT WAIT, COME TO THINK OF IT,

JUST THINK ABOUT IT: WHETHER THEY'RE THE SAME SEX OR THE OPPOSITE SEX,

WELL UMMM

OH YEAH, I FORGOT SINCE SHE ALWAYS HANGS OUT WITH HACHISAN AND THEM,

I FEEL LIKE WE HAVE SOME HISTORY WITH THAT THOUGH...

IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE DESPERATE AND TRYING TO GET WITH ANYONE.

PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!

COME JOIN THE GIRLS' CLUB!
REFER BACK TO EPISODE 4
ON TV AND BOOK 1



EH? UH.

BUT YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY ONE OF THEM, ARE YOU?

WELL YEAH UM...

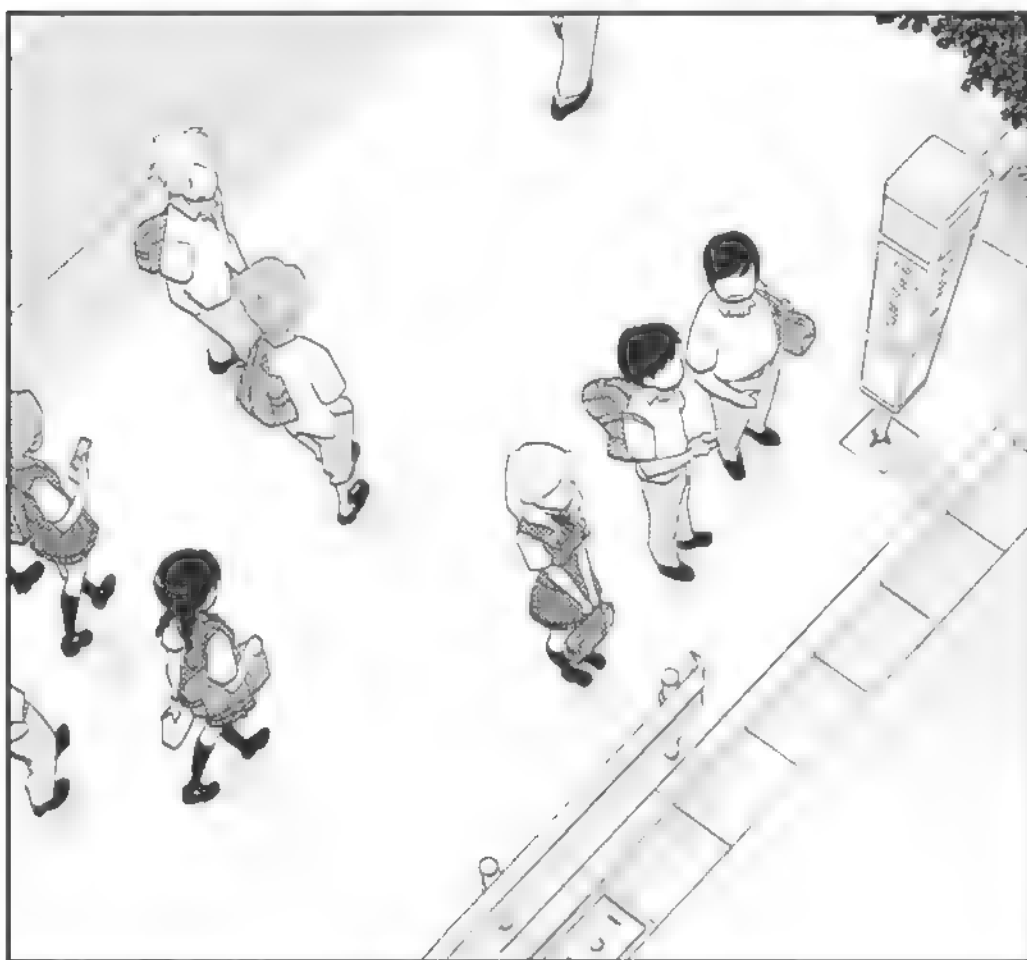


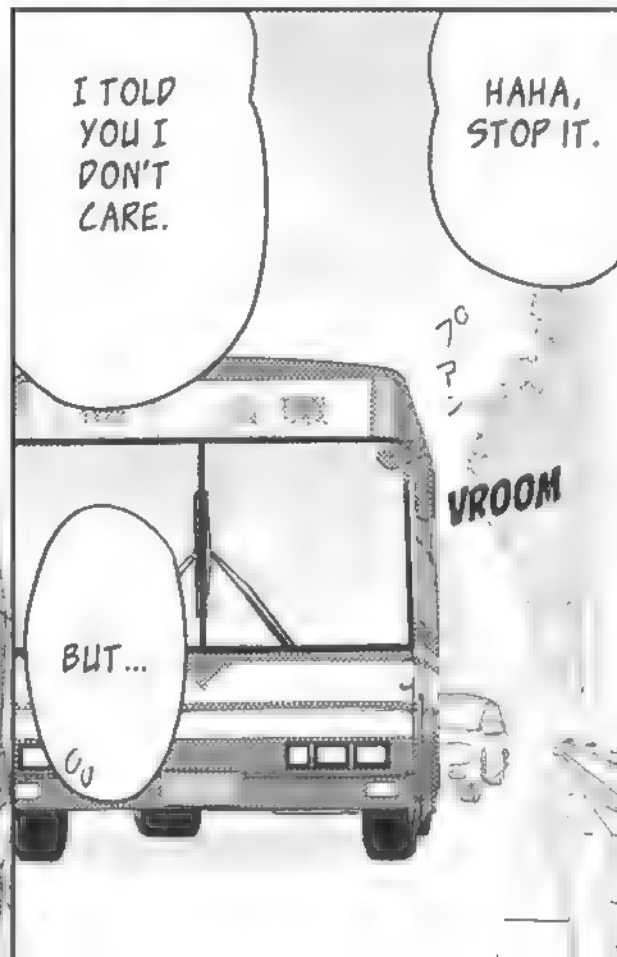
AND ALSO, WE HAVE NO PROOF.

WHAT, SO WE'RE JUST GONNA TAKE IT?

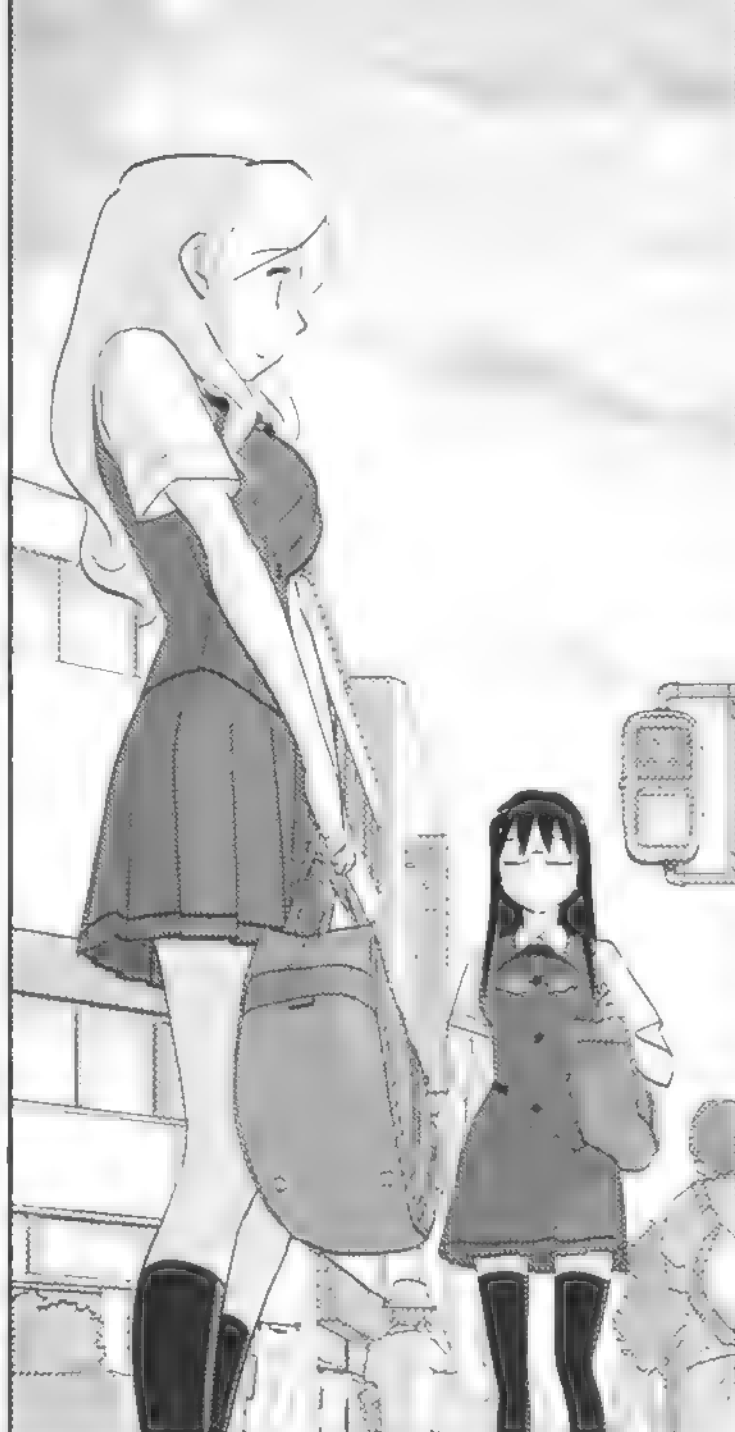
SO WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT THIS?

CAN YOU COMPLAIN ABOUT AN ATTACK EVEN IF IT'S NOT MADE TOWARDS THE ACTUAL CANDIDATE?









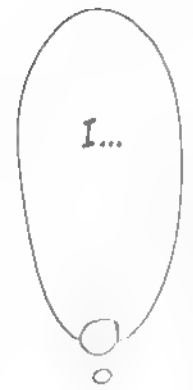






ALL
RIGHT,

I'M
GLAD,
THEN.



I...

DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND
ANYTHING.

I JUST THOUGHT
I UNDERSTOOD.

I THOUGHT
IT WAS
JUST MY
PROBLEM.



HM?

OH.

SO
ANYWAY,
GRANDMA,
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?

WHAT IT
MEANS



TO LIKE KAZAMA



PLEASE
VOTE FOR
MURASAME!

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CHATTER

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YO, VOTE
MURASAME.



SERIOUSLY?
WHY? OUR
CLASS-
MATE?

NO WAY,
THE REAL
ONE?!

HEY HEY,
ISN'T THAT
KUN, THAT
TEENAGE
CELEBRITY?



SO SNEAKY
YET SO
SMOOTH...

スリ? スリ?
スリ?
KYAAA!!
OH MY GOD!!

HUGE
SUCCESS.

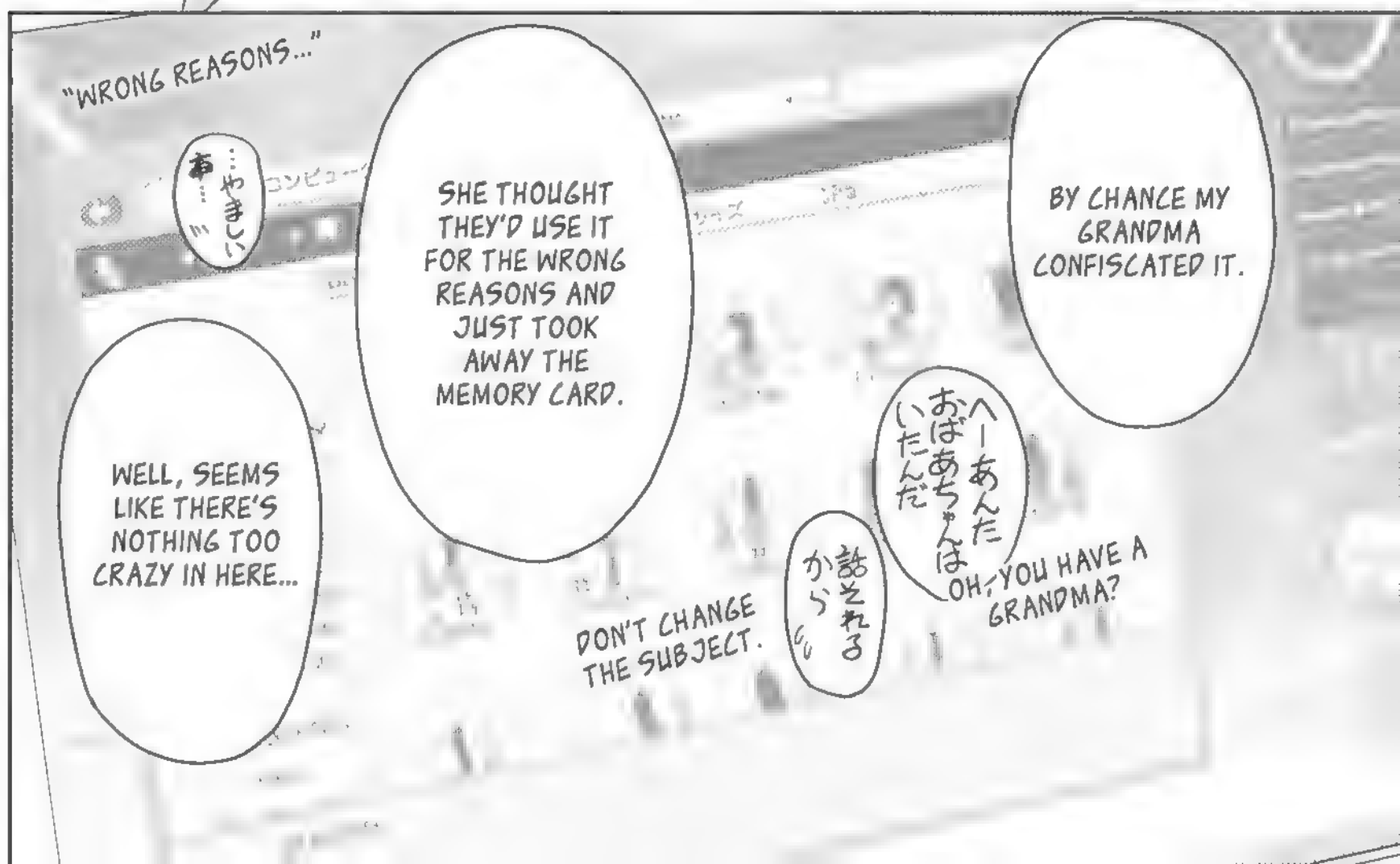
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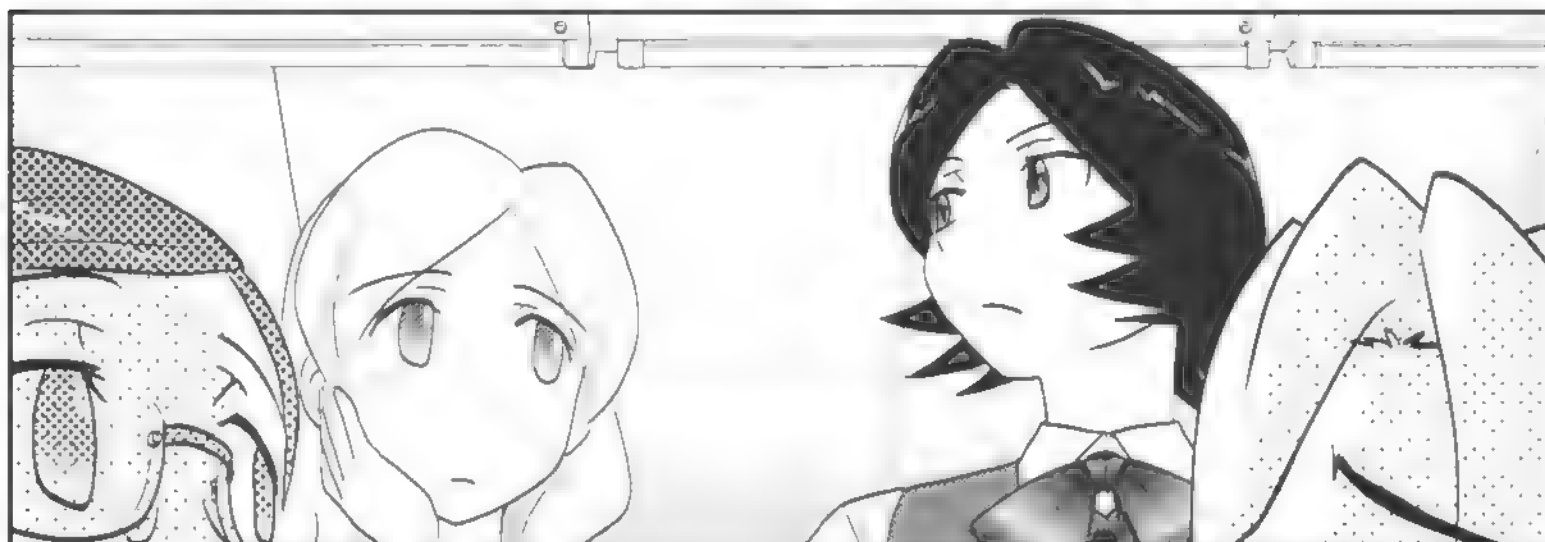


ス?
AIGHT?

YO VOTE
FOR HER,
AIGHT?

OH, UH
THANKS.









STRICTLY
FOR THE
DURATION
OF THE
CAMPAIGN!
NO CONSE-
QUENCES!

A RUMOR
THAT SHE
HAS A GUY
JUST NEEDS
TO SPREAD,
AND THEY'LL
TAKE THE
BAIT.

THERE'S
NOTH-
ING TO BE
CONCERNED
ABOUT,
WHEN I SAY
BOYFRIEND,
I MEAN A
PRETEND-
A FAKE ONE.



.....
AS EXPECTED,
SILENCE.



DON'T BE
SHY NOW!

ALL RIGHT,
IS THERE
ANYONE??

はぁん

BAM



いーけだね
男とかね
別にね
I MEAN IT'S FINE, I
DON'T CARE ABOUT
BOYS ANYWAY...

YOU REAL-
IZE YOU'RE
DOING
SOMETHING
PRETTY TER-
RIBLE RIGHT
NOW...

YEAH, I
KNEW THAT
ALREADY.

OH
MAN...

YOU'RE
FAMOUS, BUT
YOU'RE NOT
ACTUALLY
POPULAR,
ARE YOU.





Y-YUSSS

YOU MUST BE THINKING HOW DARE YOU ASK SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

SO YEAH, AKEMIYA-KUN.

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO... UH WELL, ASK YOU TO... ACT AS MY BOYFRIEND FOR A BIT...

お思いがでしなうが



I DON'T KNOW HOW IT CAME TO THIS BUT...

THE VICE PRESIDENT, AKEMIYA-KUN.

WHO...??

OH RIGHT, HAVEN'T YOU GUYS BEEN ON THE COUNCIL BOARD SINCE FIRST YEAR?



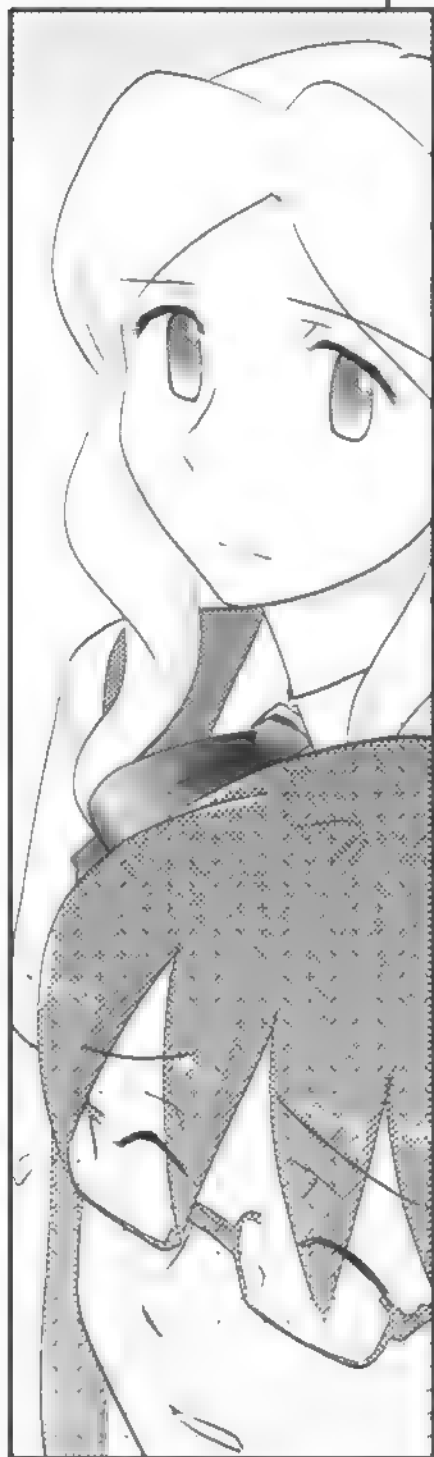
WELL, FOR NOW, TRY GOING ON A DATE.

THOSE GUYS WILL DEFINITELY GO TO THE SPOT TO STALK YOU.

WAIT, WHAT EXACTLY SHOULD HE DO TO ACT LIKE MY BOYFRIEND?

HMM, MAYBE LIKE, GO HOME TOGETHER?





I WILL DO MY BEST!!

YOU'RE BEING TOO LOUD!

I!

ARRANGE-
MENT...

DATING...

...ときに
風向祖母が何の用で
来たかというと...

HOHOHO
ホホホ

STACKED
どっさり

...TO GO
BACK TO
THE REASON
KAZAMA'S
GRAND-
MOTHER
PAID A
VISIT!

I HAVE DECENT GRADES, AND IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE THE MOST PERFECT, CARING PERSONALITY IN THE WORLD, BUT I'M PRETTY POPULAR IN MY CLASS AND TEAM.

WELL, I'M TOO FOCUSED ON BASKETBALL TO HAVE A GIRLFRIEND OR ANYTHING RIGHT NOW!



IT'S NOT KAI, IT'S KAITO.

MY NAME IS KAITO YASHIMA.



I WAS TALKED INTO RUNNING FOR CLASS PRESIDENT THIS TIME AROUND, BUT IT SEEMS THAT SOME OF MY SUPPORTERS ARE UP TO SKETCHY ACTIVITY.

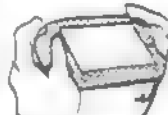


SAY SOMETHING...

THE RIGHT TIME WILL COME EVENTUALLY.

ノド

IF YOU KNOW ABOUT IT, SAY SOMETHING ALREADY!



AT THIS POINT I SHOULD PUT MY FOOT DOWN AND...

TO CHEAT FOR THE SAKE OF WINNING IS AGAINST MY MORALS!



SPARKLE

...続くね



八巻に

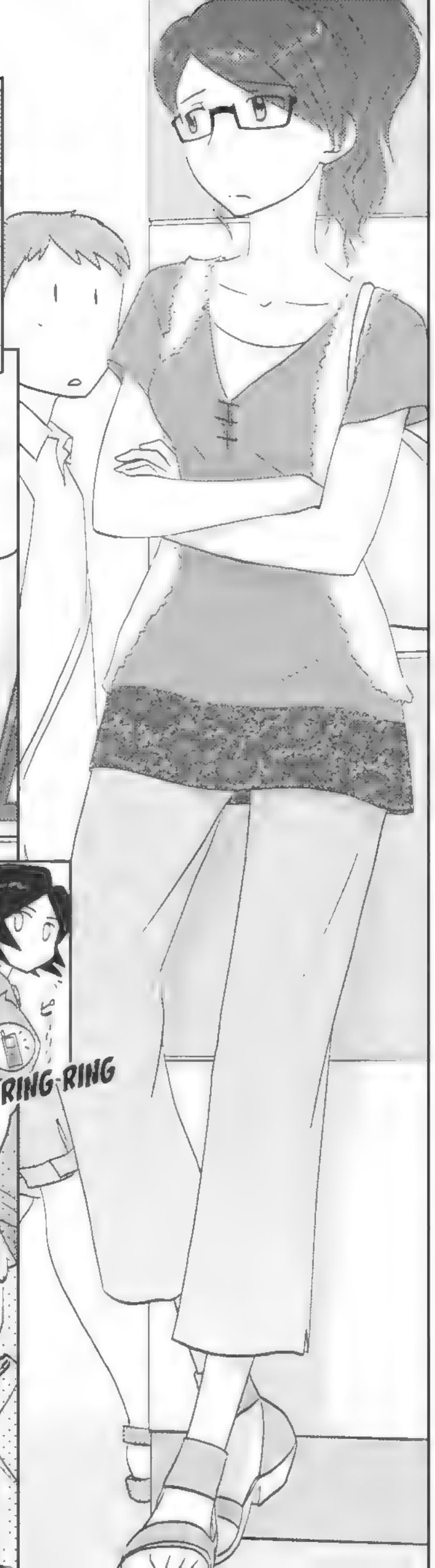
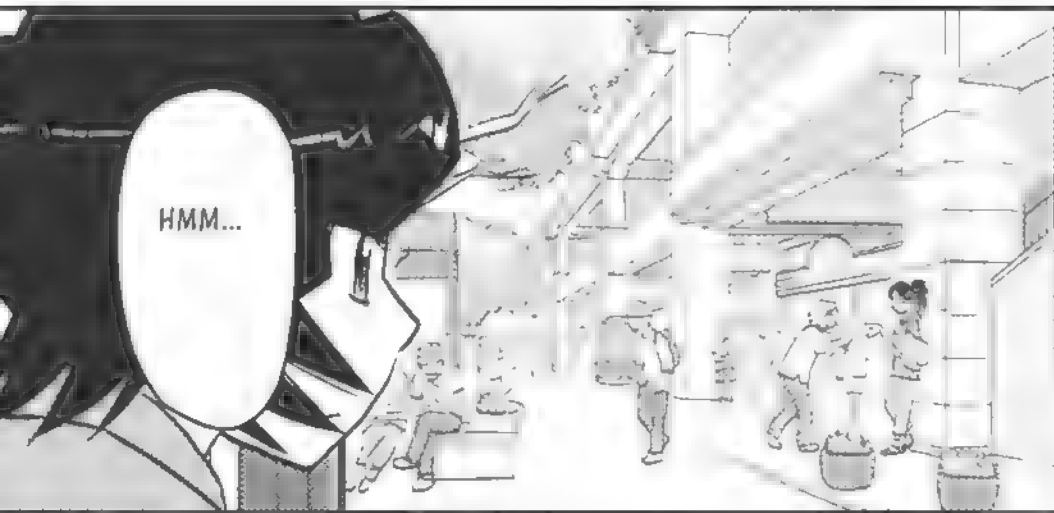




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- in & out -

SEE YOU
LATER!







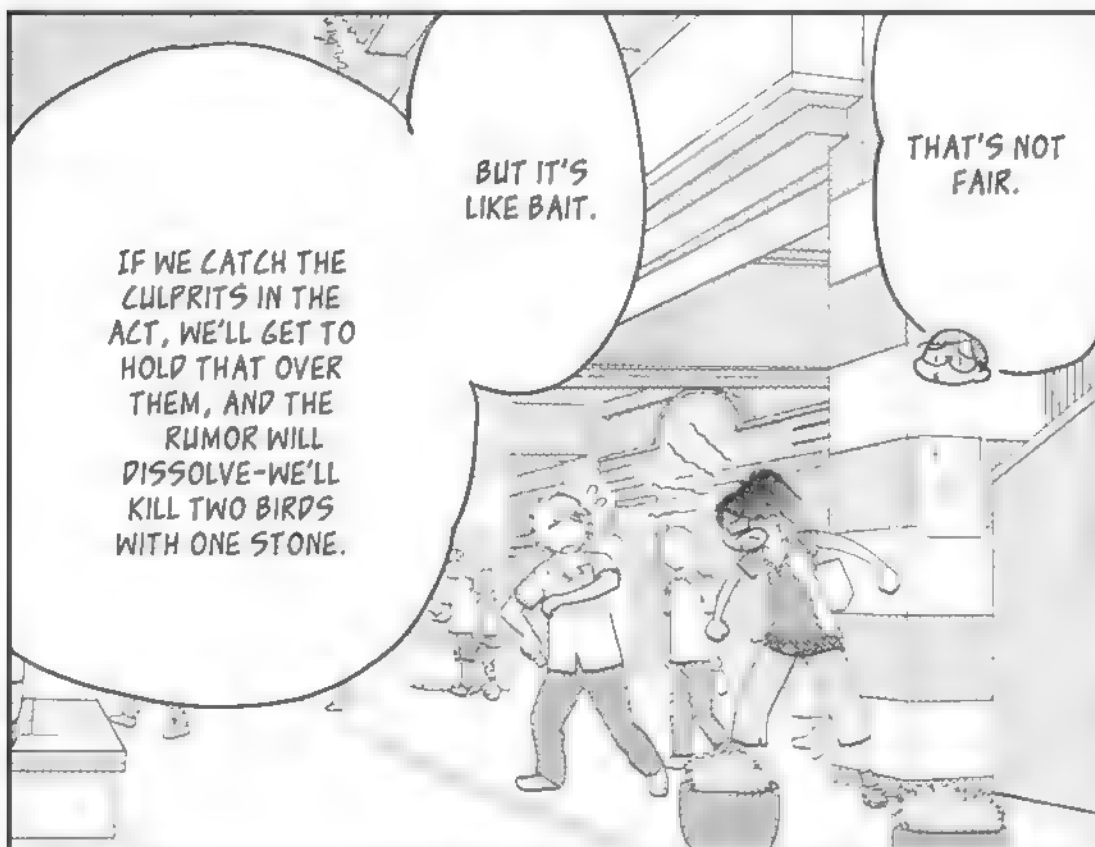
晴るしはの
疑いの
どら
 Those leaflets'll
 be history.

I THOUGHT
WE WERE
ALL GONNA
HANG OUT OR
SOMETHING.

WHAT? I
THOUGHT WE
WERE LEAVING
AFTER WE'D
MADE SURE
THEY'D MET.

BEGIN
MISSION!

YES
MA'AM!



IF WE CATCH THE
CULPRITS IN THE
ACT, WE'LL GET TO
HOLD THAT OVER
THEM, AND THE
RUMOR WILL
DISSOLVE-WE'LL
KILL TWO BIRDS
WITH ONE STONE.

BUT IT'S
LIKE BAIT.

THAT'S NOT
FAIR.

EVEN THOUGH
IT'S NOT
GIRL-GIRL, A
SCANDAL IS A
SCANDAL.

ESPECIALLY
IF THE GIRL IS
A REALLY GOOD
STUDENT LIKE
HER.



WHAT IF THEY
THINK HE IS!

HEY, BUT
AKEMIYA-KUN'S
FACE LOOKS LIKE
A GIRL'S!

あはははははは
AHAAAAHA



あははははは

AHAHAHAHA

DON'T BE
SILLY, IT'S A
DATE! EVEN
IF HE'S NOT
EXACTLY A
STUD.

YEAHH, I'M
SURE HE'LL
ACTUALLY
TRY. HE'S A
GUY AFTER
ALL!

AHAHA, OH
STOP IT,
TORIOI-CHAN.

たっ たっ

MURASAME-
SAAAN!

SORRY I'M
LAAAATE.



WHAT ARE
YOU WEAR-
ING...



WHAT...



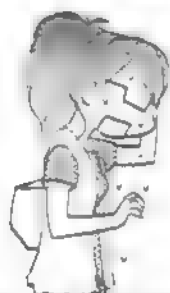
WH...



WOW, YOU
LOOK VERY
NICE TODAY,
MURASAME-
SAN.

IT'S BEEN A
WHILE, SO
IT TOOK ME
LONGER TO
GET READY.

YOU LOOK A
BIT WHITE...
でなんか
白いです



HM?



THAT GIRL IS
AKEMI-CHAN!

OH MY
GOD...



WELL YES,
SHE'S SUP-
POSED TO...

WHAT IS THAT
DUMMY EVEN
DOING? JUST
IGNORE HER!



HEY! WHAT?
WHO'S THAT?

ISN'T SHE
GOING ON A
DATE WITH
AKEMIYA-KUN
TODAY?



EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!?







THERE'RE
TONS OF
REASONS
NOT TO DO IT.

DON'T SAY: "I
DON'T PLAN
ON IT JUST
YET" OR

"I WANT TO DO IT
AFTER I BECOME
SUCCESSFUL."




YEAH I GET IT
BUT...

BUT THESE
AREN'T
REASONS YOU
CAN'T DO IT.

IT'S OKAY,
DON'T THINK
ABOUT IT
TOO MUCH.
INSTEAD,
JUST MEET
PEOPLE.

IF YOU'RE A
WRITER YOU
MUST UNDER-
STAND MY
REASONING.



ALL RIGHT,
WHAT ABOUT
HER THEN?

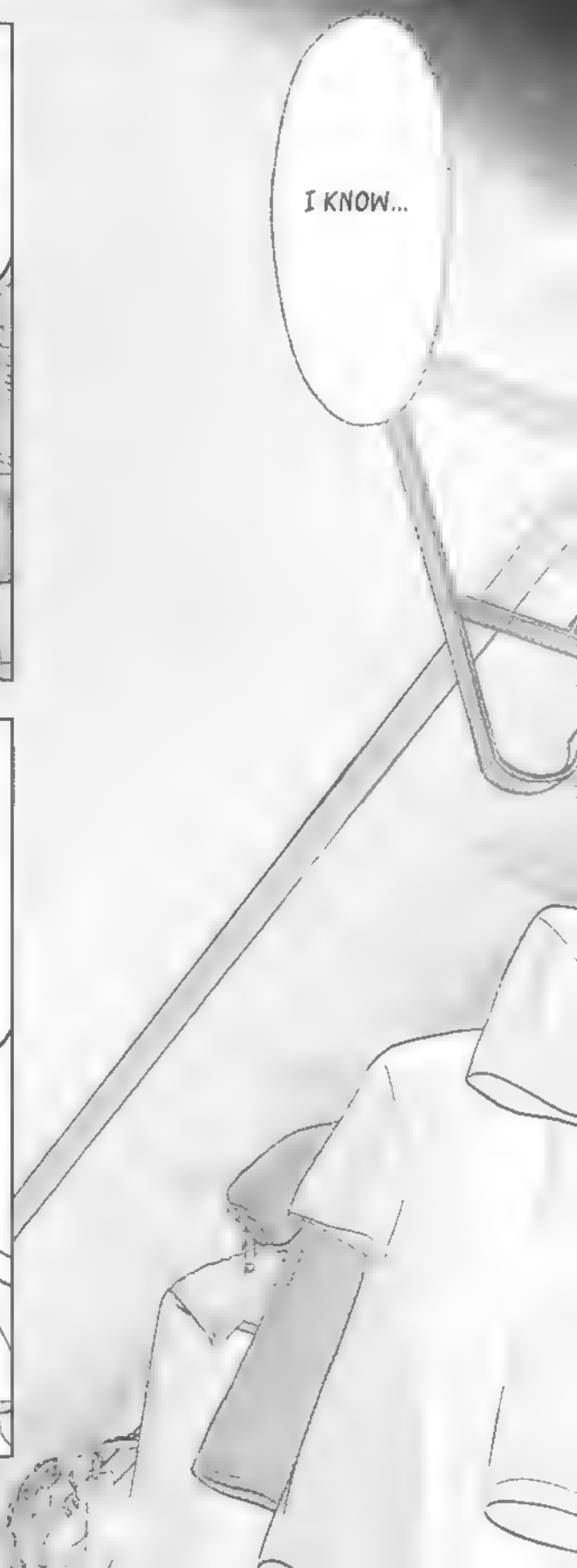
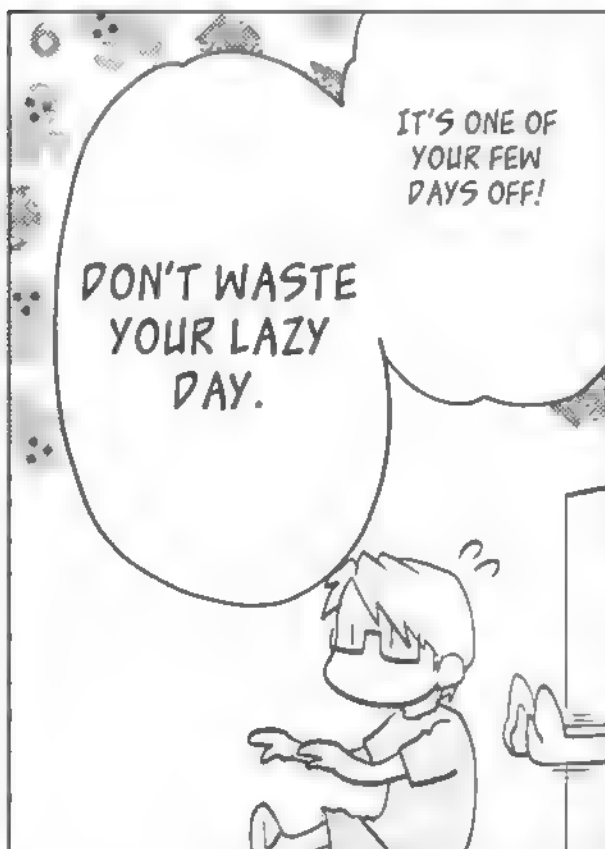
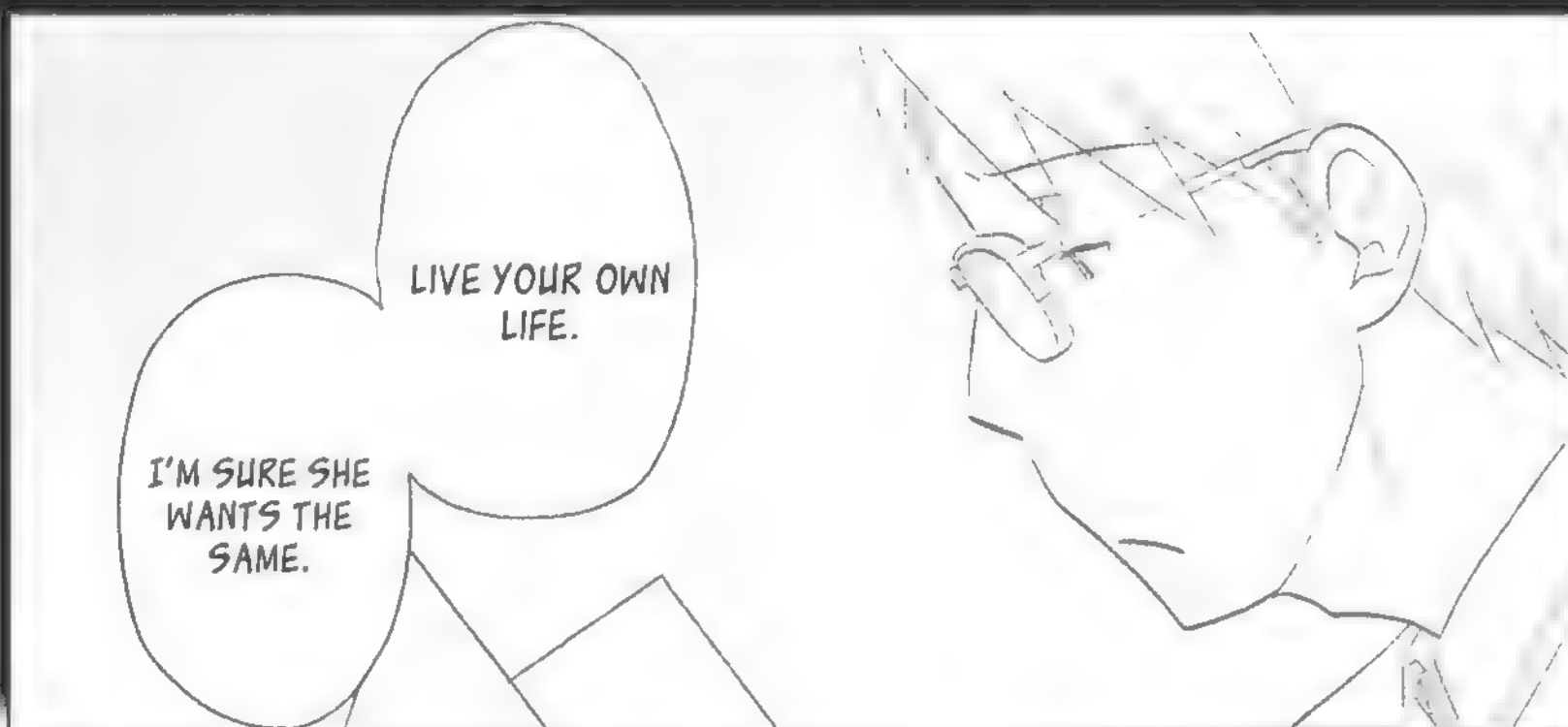
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ALLY...

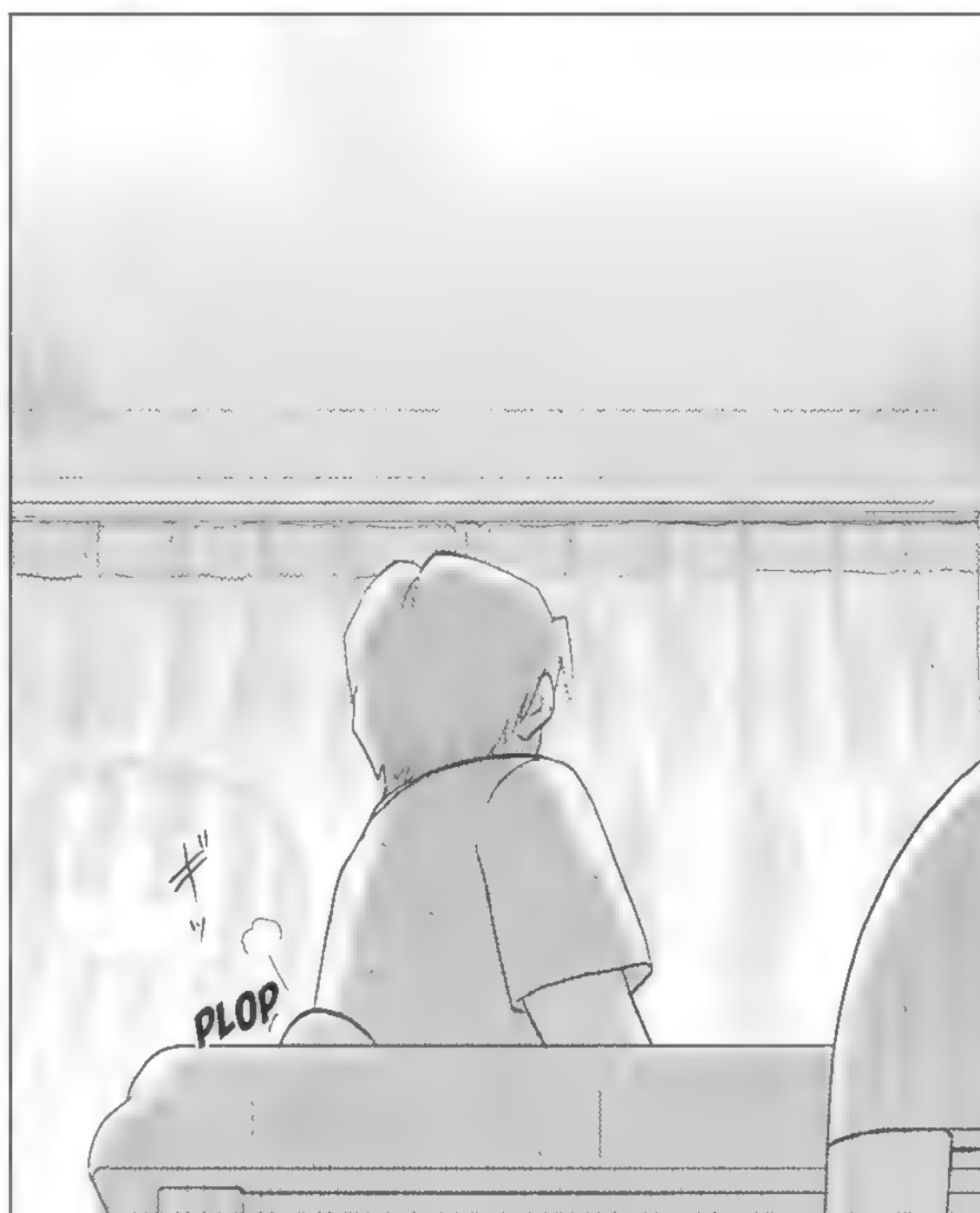
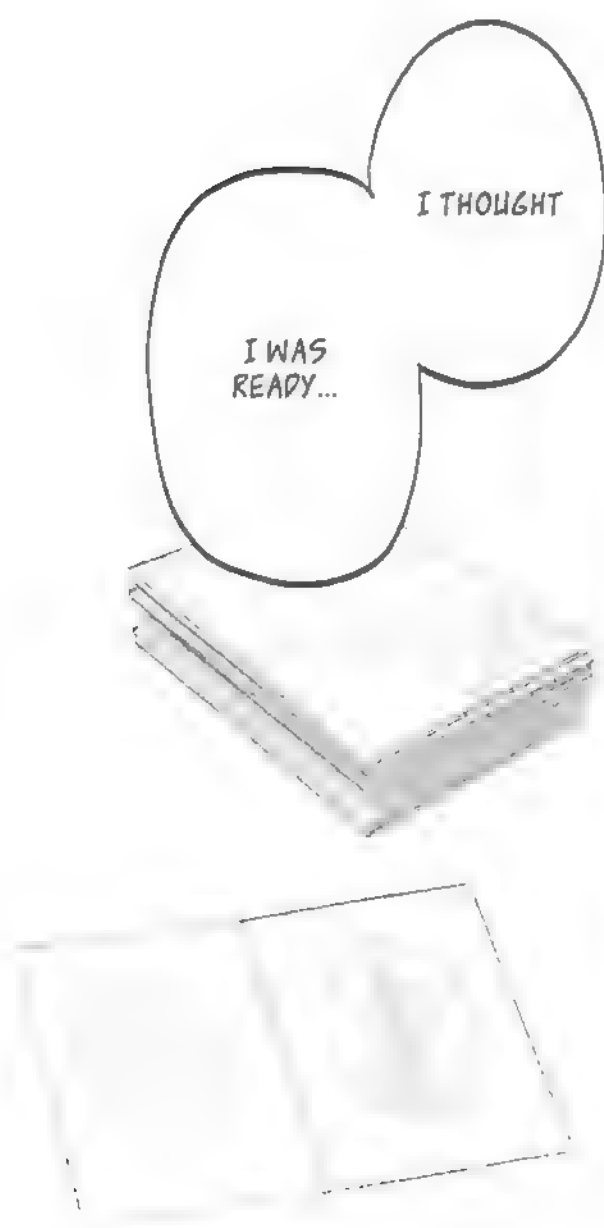
IT CAN
HAPPEN WITH
ANYBODY.

WHEN IT
COMES TO
THAT CON-
NECTION,

HER MOTHER
WAS ONE OF
MY STUDENTS.
SHE'S ABROAD
RIGHT NOW
BUT...

UNLESS YOU
ALREADY HAVE
SOMEONE IN
MIND?







I WAS SO EXCITED THAT I DIDN'T REALLY LISTEN TO WHAT YOU GUYS WERE SAYING.

I'M SOOOOORRY.

AT THIS POINT, YOU HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ACT LIKE SHE'S YOUR FRIEND AND THAT YOU GUYS ARE JUST HANGING OUT.

OK, OK.



THE GOOD NEWS IS, YOUR STALKERS HAVEN'T RECOGNIZED HER.

AH...

I'M NOT EVEN THAT CONCERNED ABOUT BECOMING CLASS PRESIDENT.

: DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, IT WAS A SELFISH THING TO ASK ANYWAY.



BUT YOU LIKE IT...



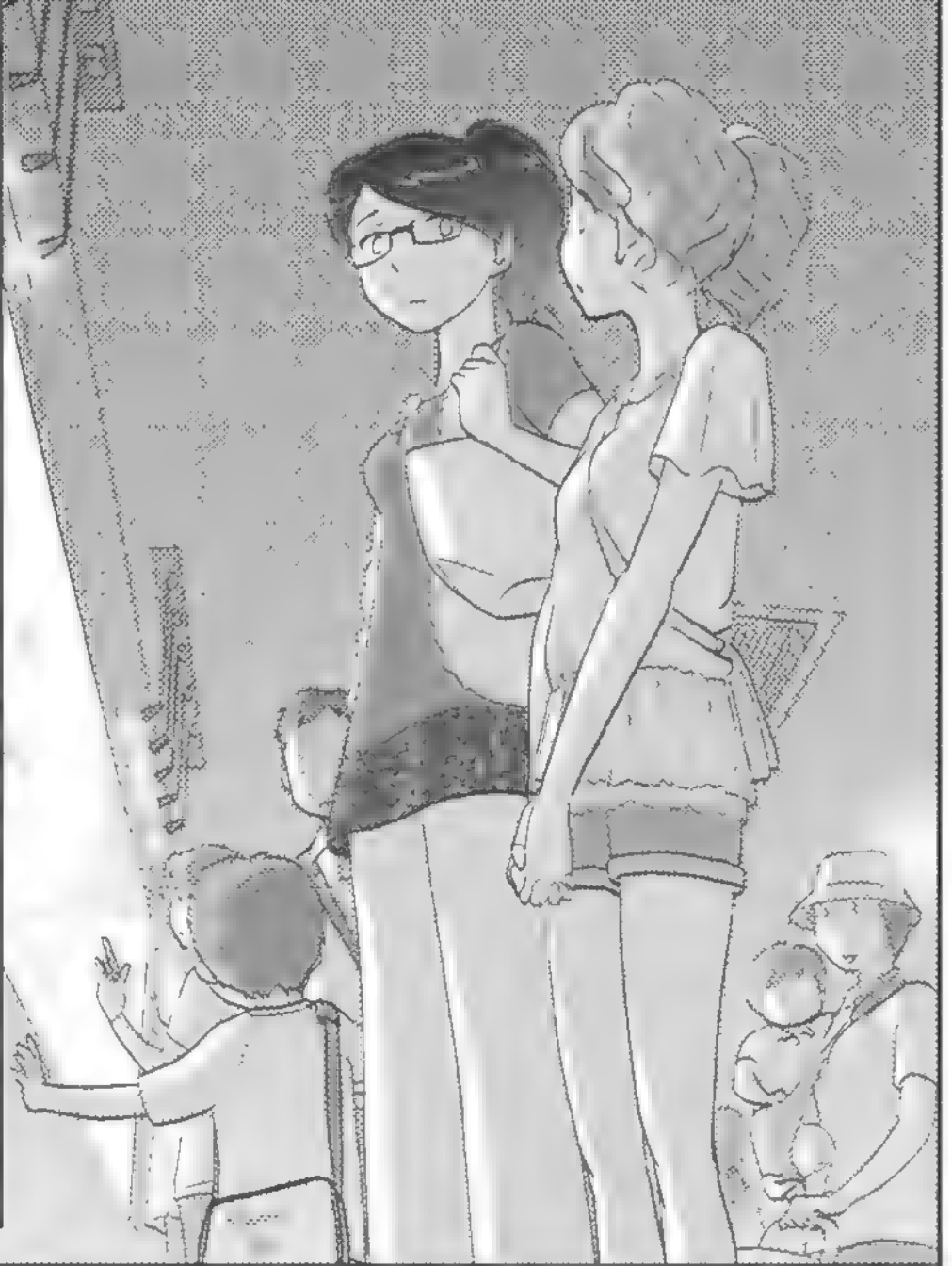
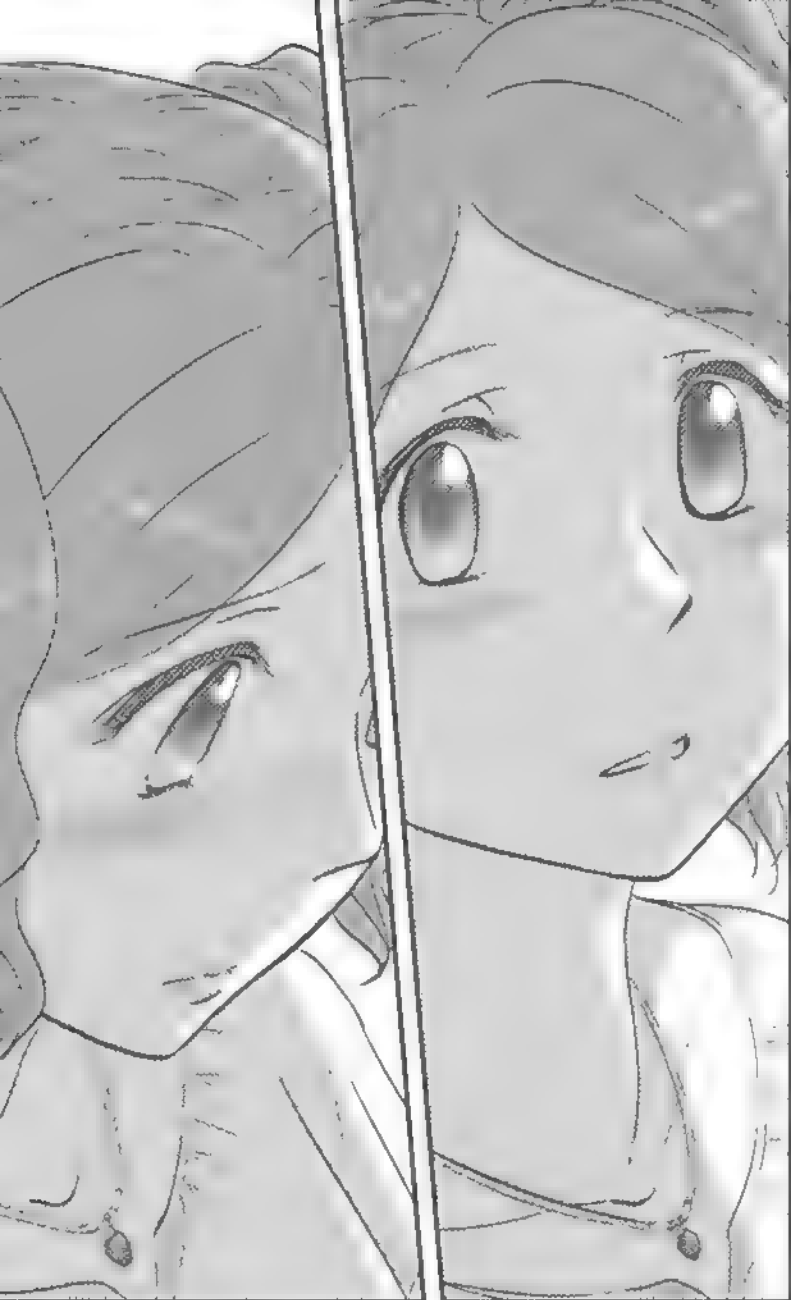
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OUR CLASSMATES KNOW NOW. WHATYA GONNA DO?

ISN'T THIS ACTUALLY HARDER FOR YOU?

WELL I BROUGHT THIS UPON MYSELF.



IT'S WEIRD,
ISN'T IT?

YEAH, I
KNOW...

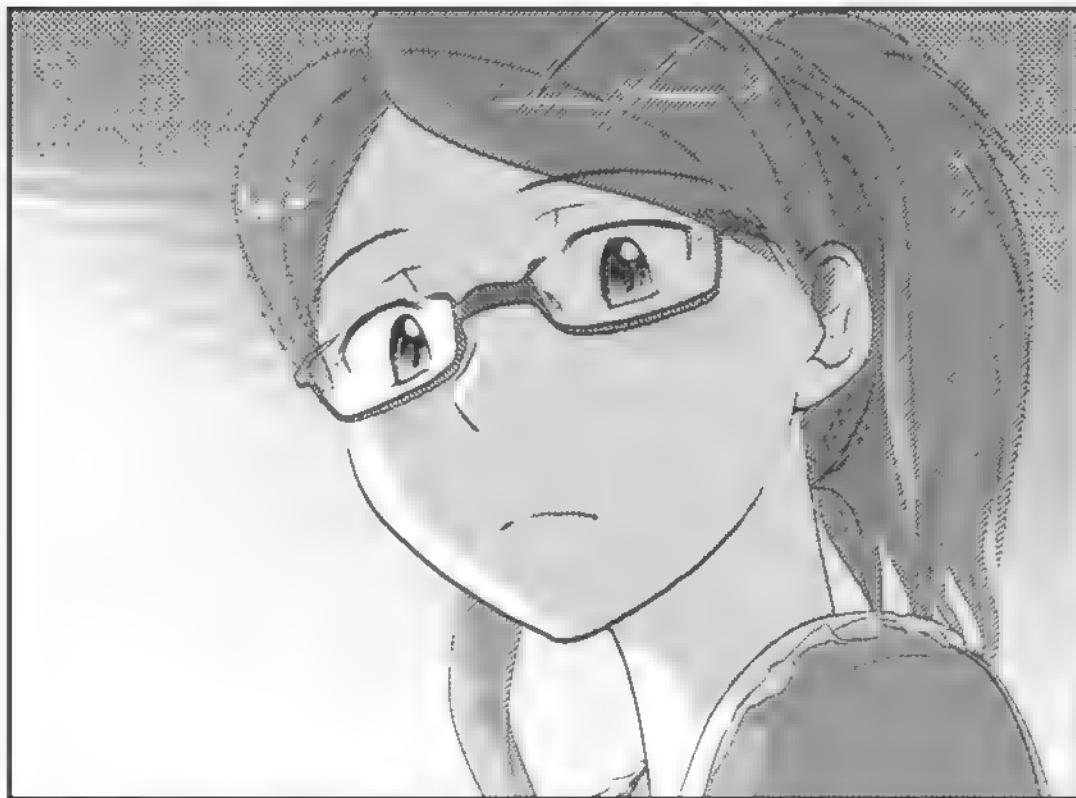


I REALIZE
THAT I CAN'T
KEEP LYING TO
MYSELF.

LOOKING
AT IT NOW,
DRESSED LIKE
THIS,

EVER SINCE
THAT HAPPENED,

I TRIED NOT
TO THINK
ABOUT IT, TO
LEAVE IT
BEHIND, BUT...







I KNOW YOU
REALLY WANT THE
GIRLS' CLUB TO
SUCCEED, BUT
YOU CAN'T!

NONONO,
DON'T!

IS... IS
IT WHAT I
THINK IT
IS?!

DON'T JUMP TO
CONCLUSIONS.

ARE YOU
GONNA BE
THE BIG BAD
WOLF?!

オオカミに
なっちゃうの
かい?



BUT SHE'S
GOING TO
REJECT HER,
SAYING "I'M
NOT INTO THAT."

"AKEMI-
CHAN" IS
GOING TO ASK
MURASAME-
KUN OUT,

WH-
WHAAAT?



IT'S A
SIMPLE
PLAN BUT...

あ、
スミだ
OH, OKAY.

MEH.
なん
だあ~

ち
え
OH DAMN.

?



PRETTY MUCH.

NOT VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IT?



UNMERCIFUL PLAN...

でも村雨さん
相手じゃあ
ムリよー

YEAH, BUT
WITH MU-
RASAME-
SAN?

あいや
で

HM MAYBE...

IT'S A VERY SIMPLE...

朱宮君
仲々ヤル男
かも知れん

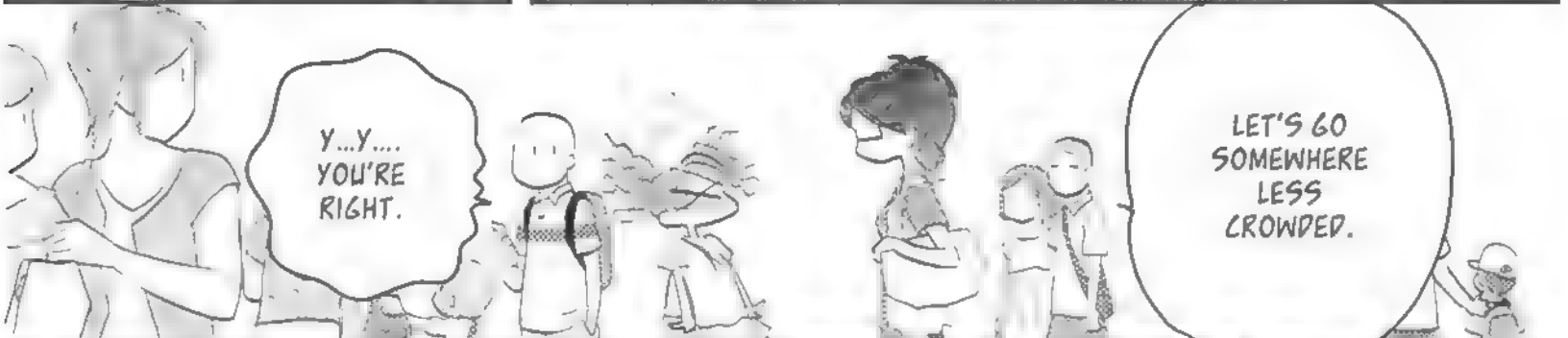
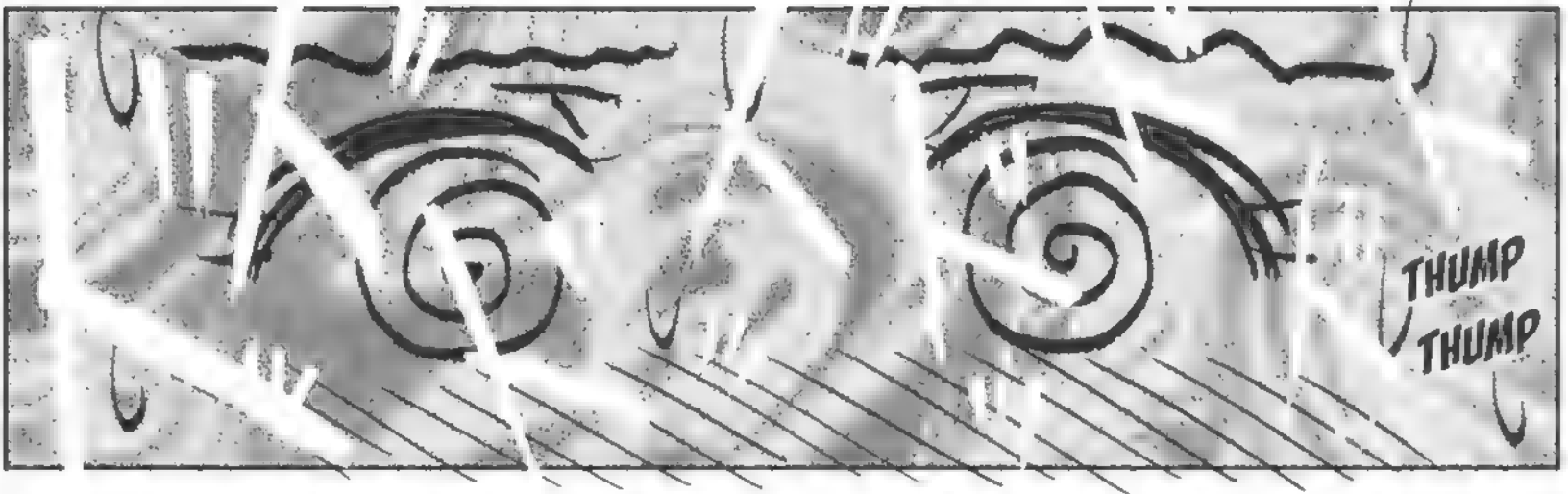
AKEMIYA-
KUN'S GOT
MORE-MAN
IN HIM THAN
HE SEEMS.

"I'M NOT INTO THAT"

...

OF COURSE
IT'S AN
ACT BUT TO
MAKE HER
SAY

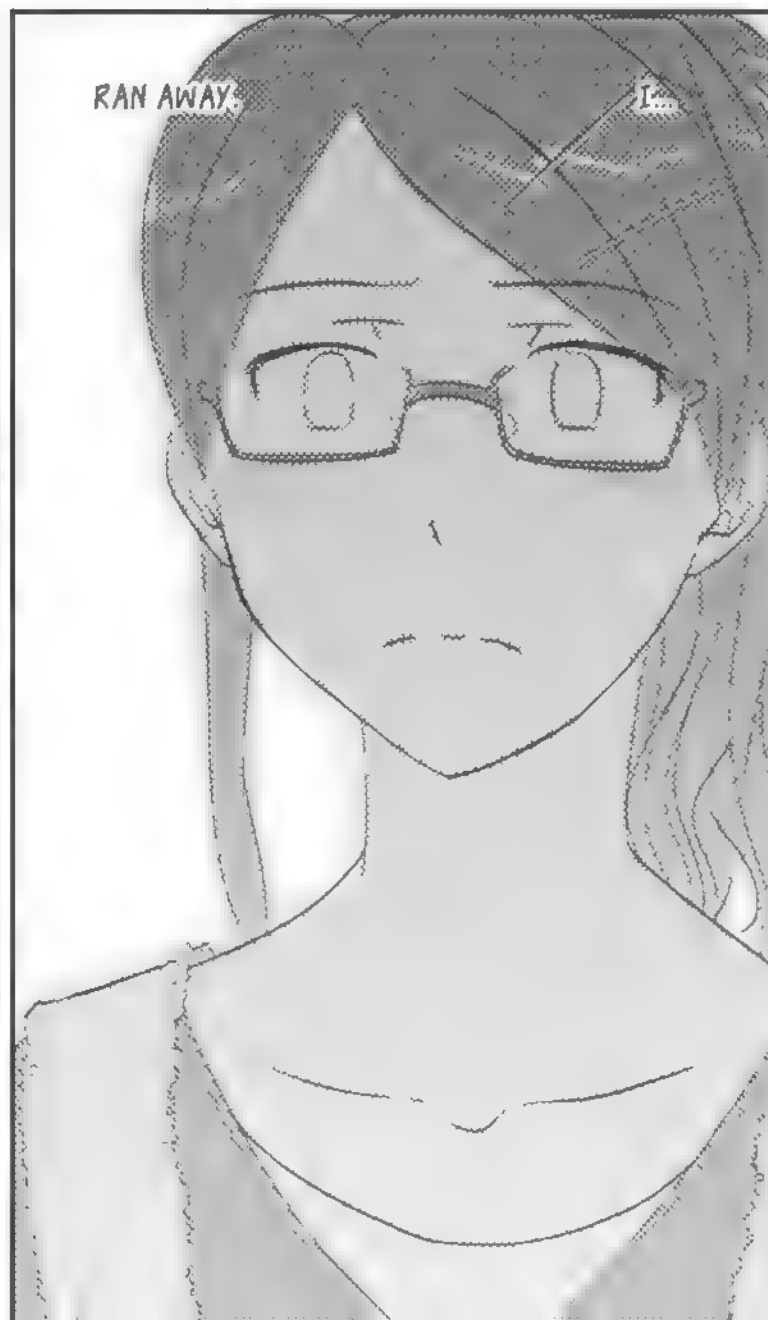


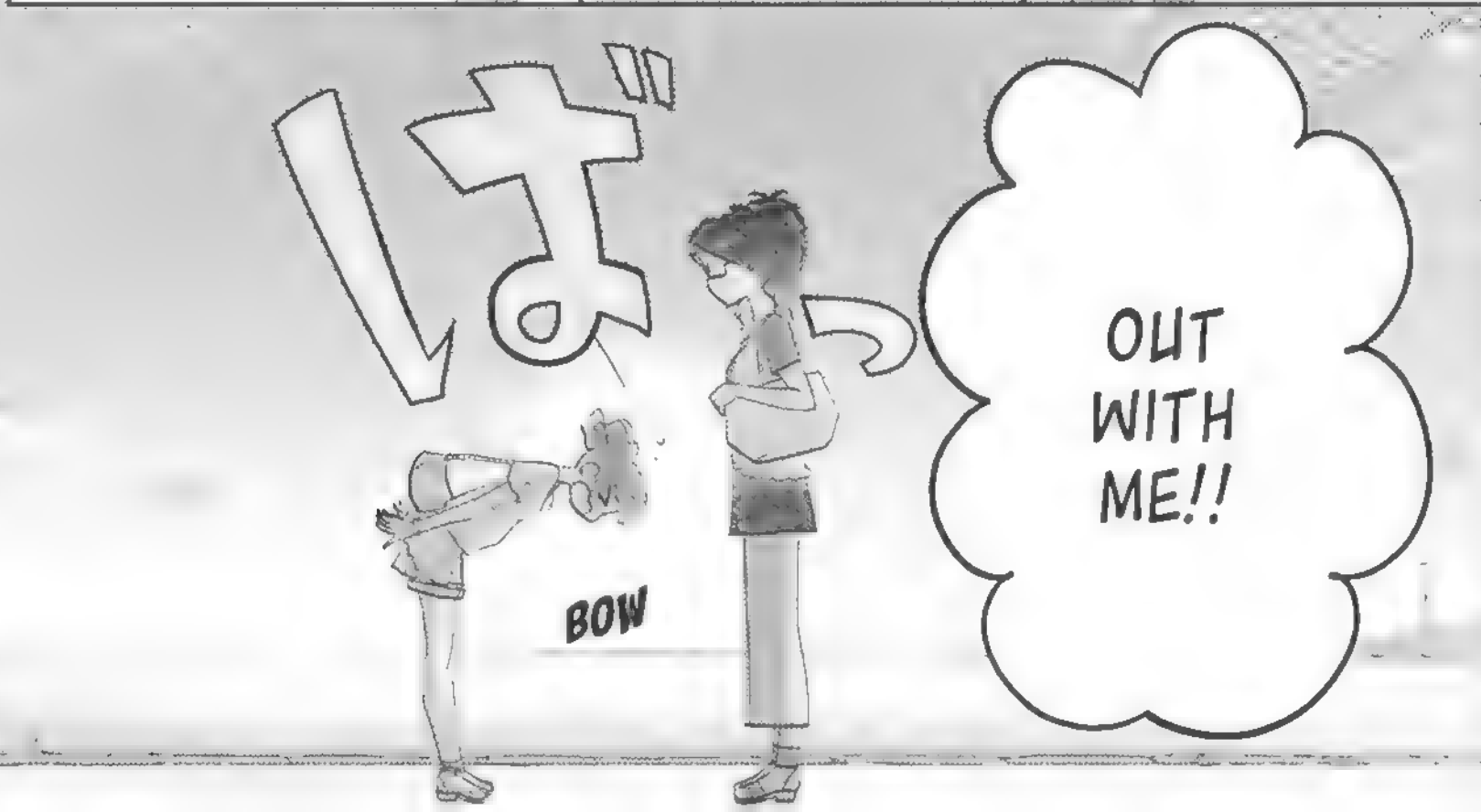
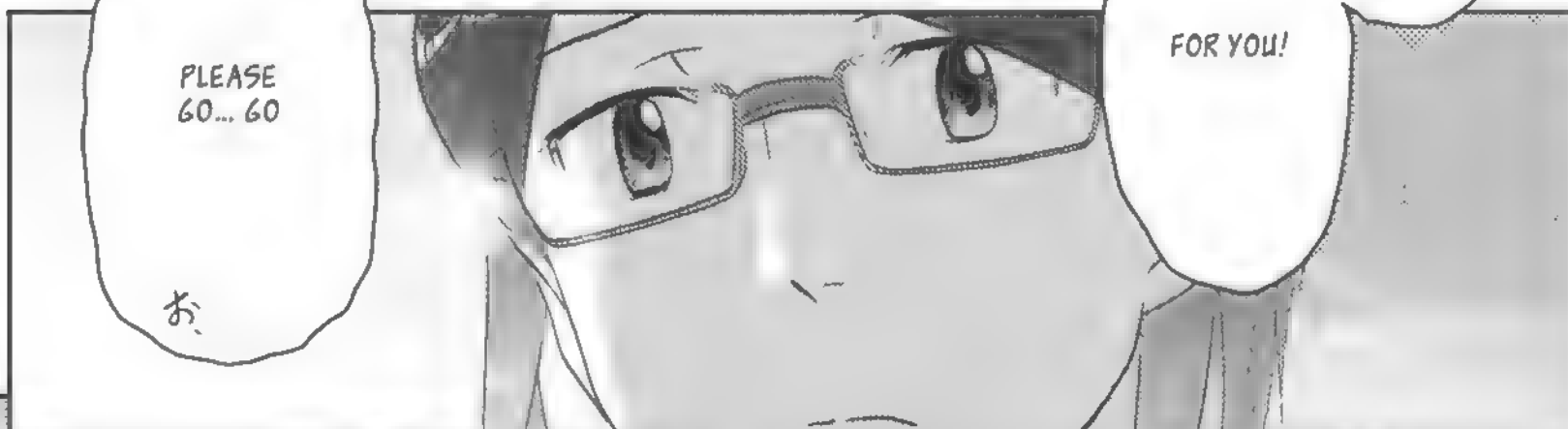
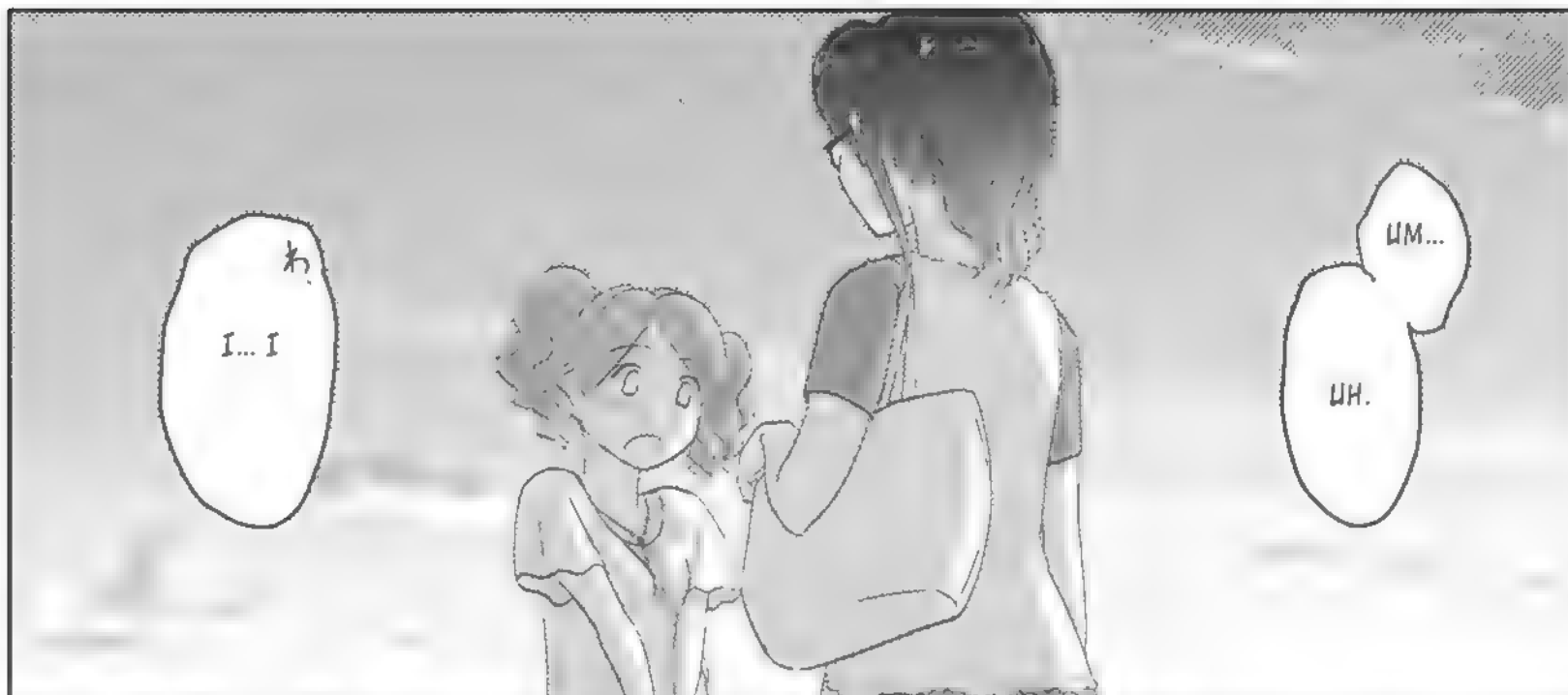


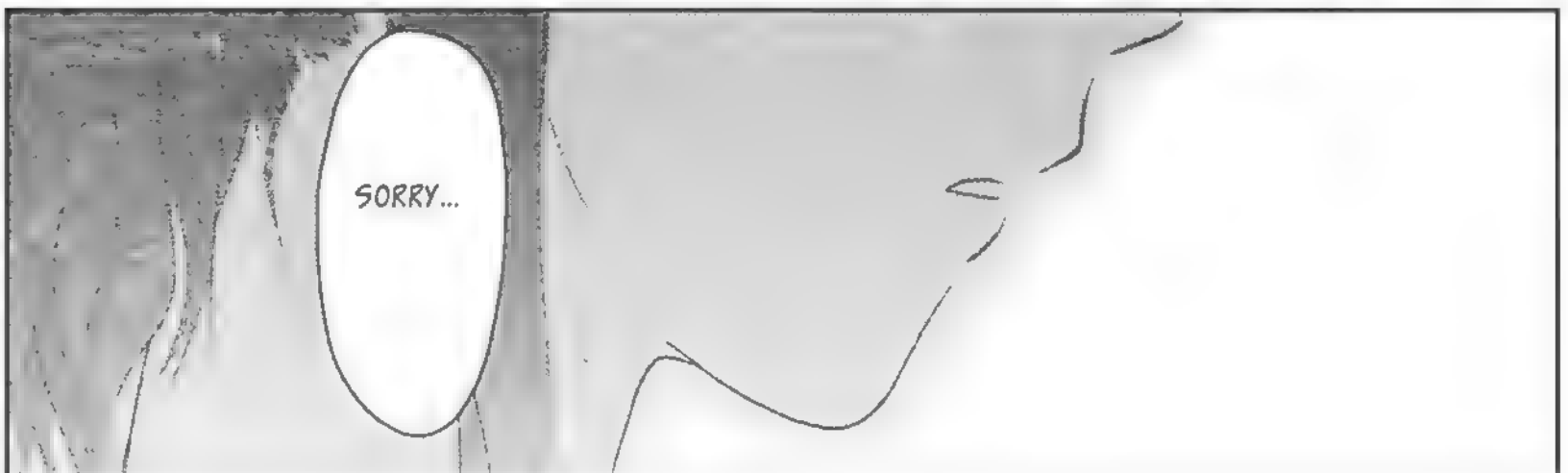
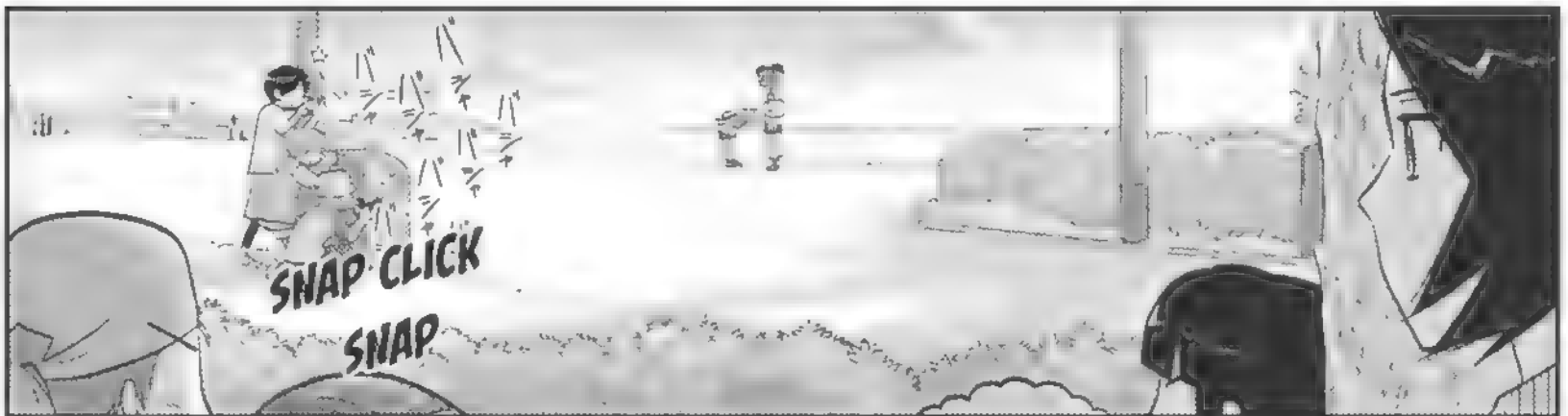
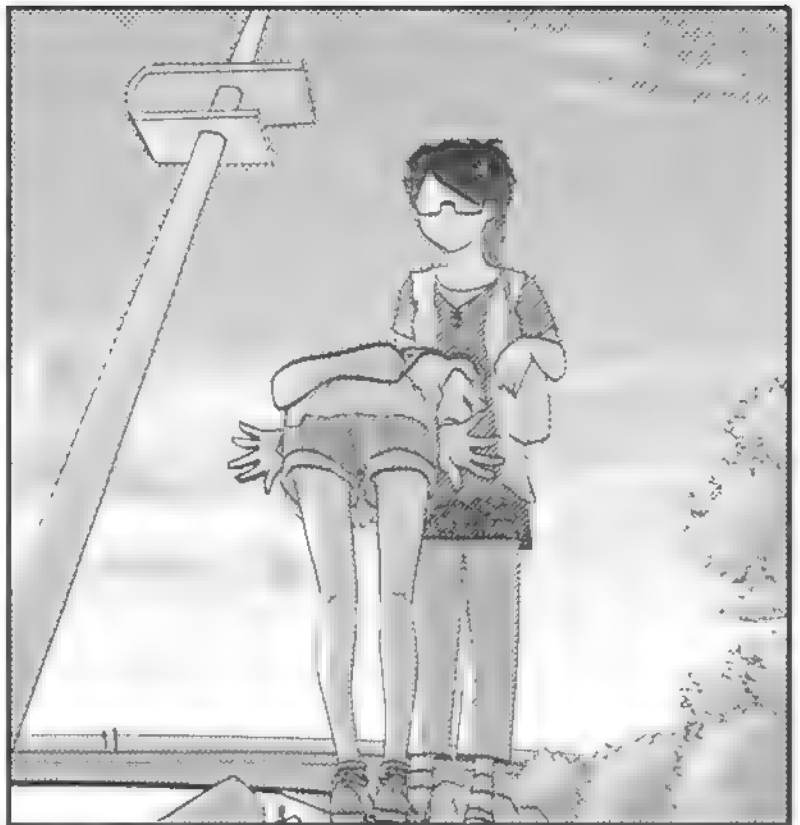


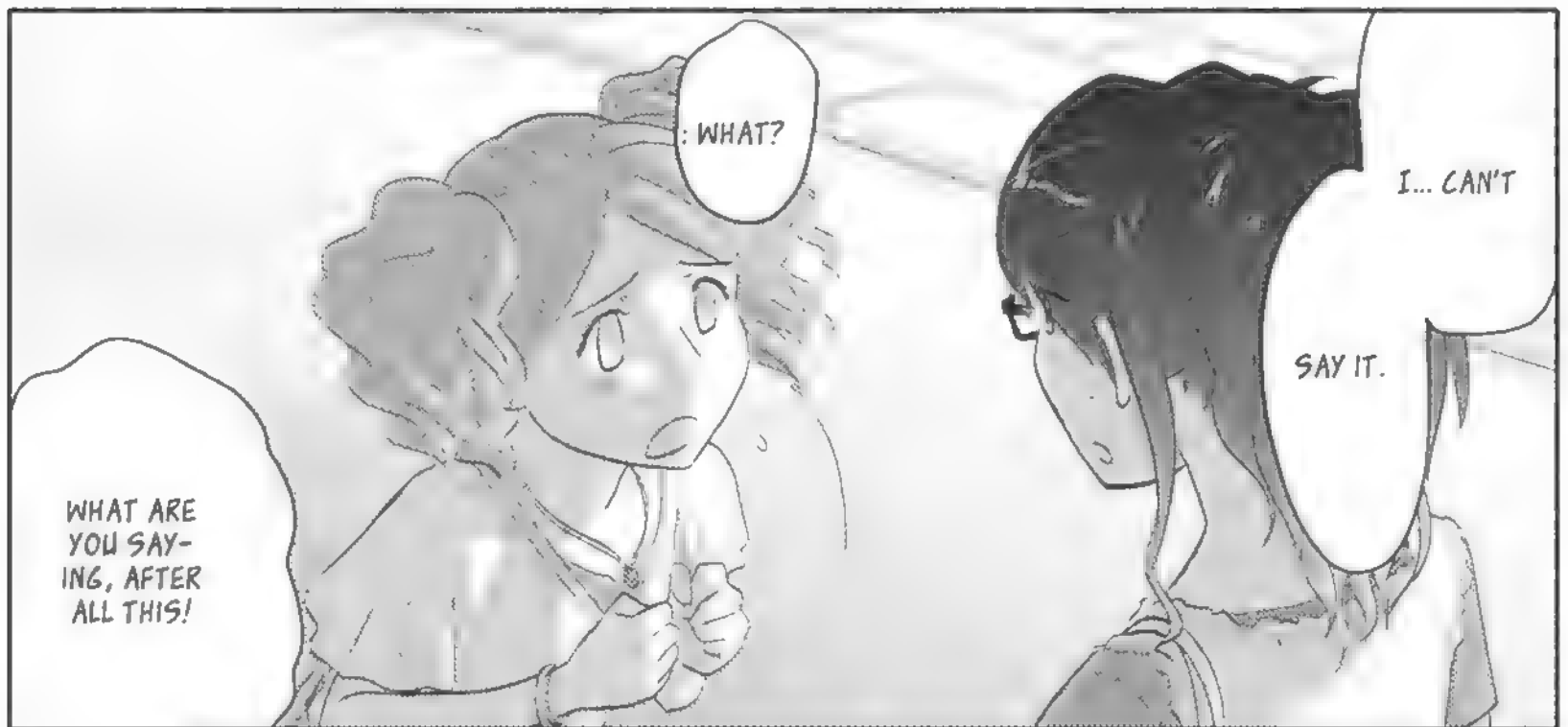
AND THAT
TIME, I
BECAME
PARALYZED
WITH FEAR.

BUT I'M
SCARED
OF BEING
REJECTED
FROM "THE
WORLD,"









WHAT ARE
YOU SAY-
ING, AFTER
ALL THIS!

: WHAT?

I... CAN'T

SAY IT.



AKEMIYA-
KUN'S ON
FIRE.

AN ARGU-
MENT!

WOW



**BUT I
STILL
CAN'T
BRING
MYSELF TO
SAY IT!!**

**HAS BEEN
ENDURING
THIS FOR
A LONG
TIME!**

もあ
うあ
OH GOD...

BECAUSE
KAZAMA...

I CAN'T.

I KNOW
IT'S JUST
AN ACT.

RIGHT NOW
I AM AKEMI
YAMASAKI!!

I CAN'T..

BE...
BECAUSE

I'D BE
DUMPING YOU
TWICE.

やぎ

PLEASE
FORGIVE
ME!!

HUG



…
多分
かな
魚

PROBABLY!

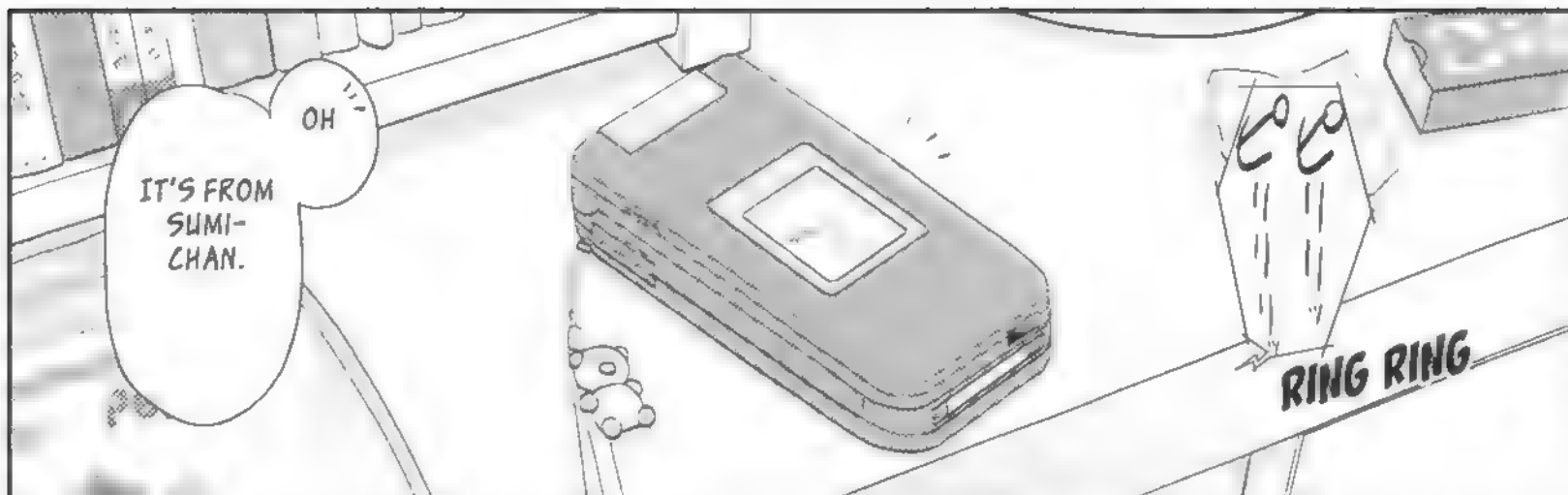
I WONDER
IF SUMI-
CHAN AND
EVERYONE
WERE
SUCCESS-
FUL.

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part forty-two
- unyielding -

FOR ME TO
PICK HER
UP AT THE
STATION,
RIGHT...

IF IT WENT
WELL, IT'S
OKAY

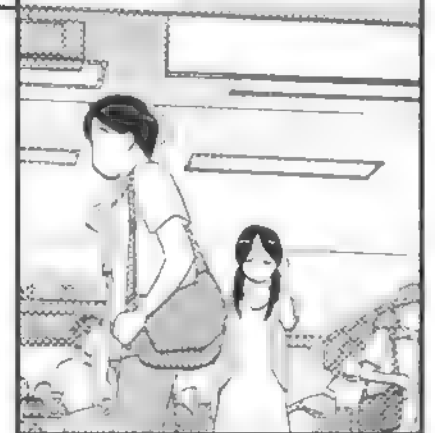


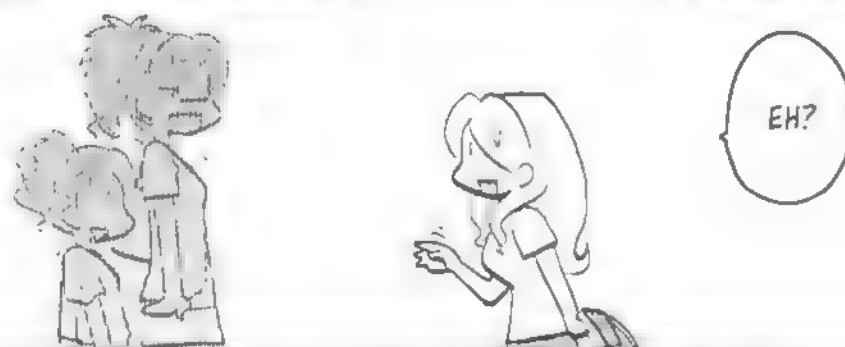
WHAT
ABOUT
DINNER?



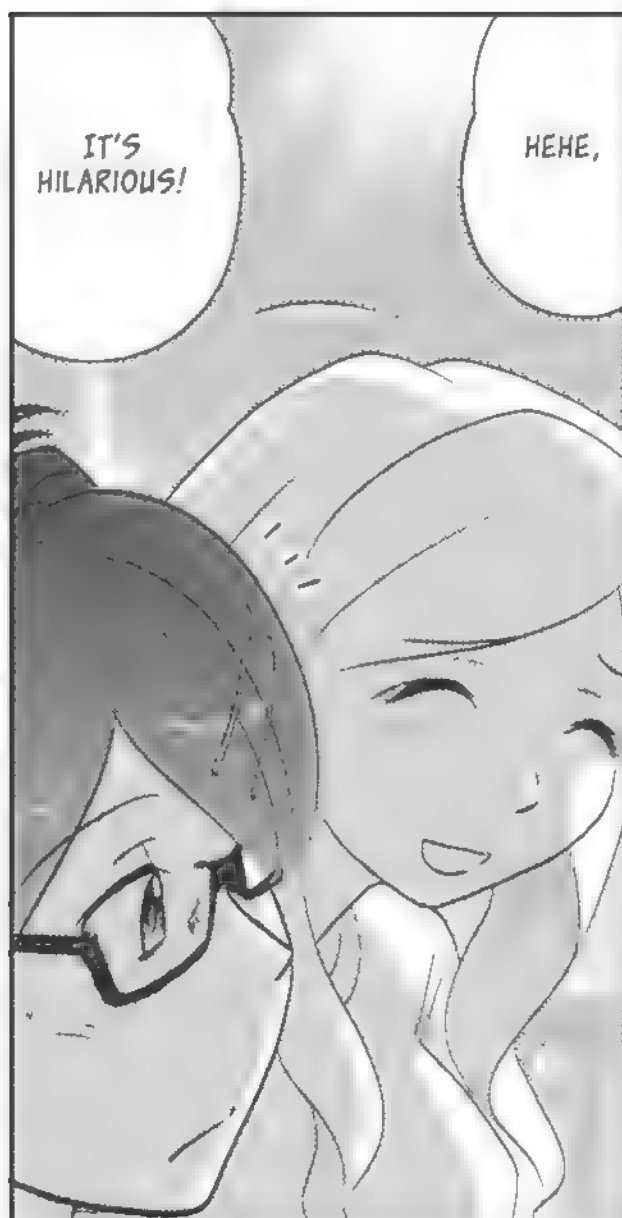
HM?

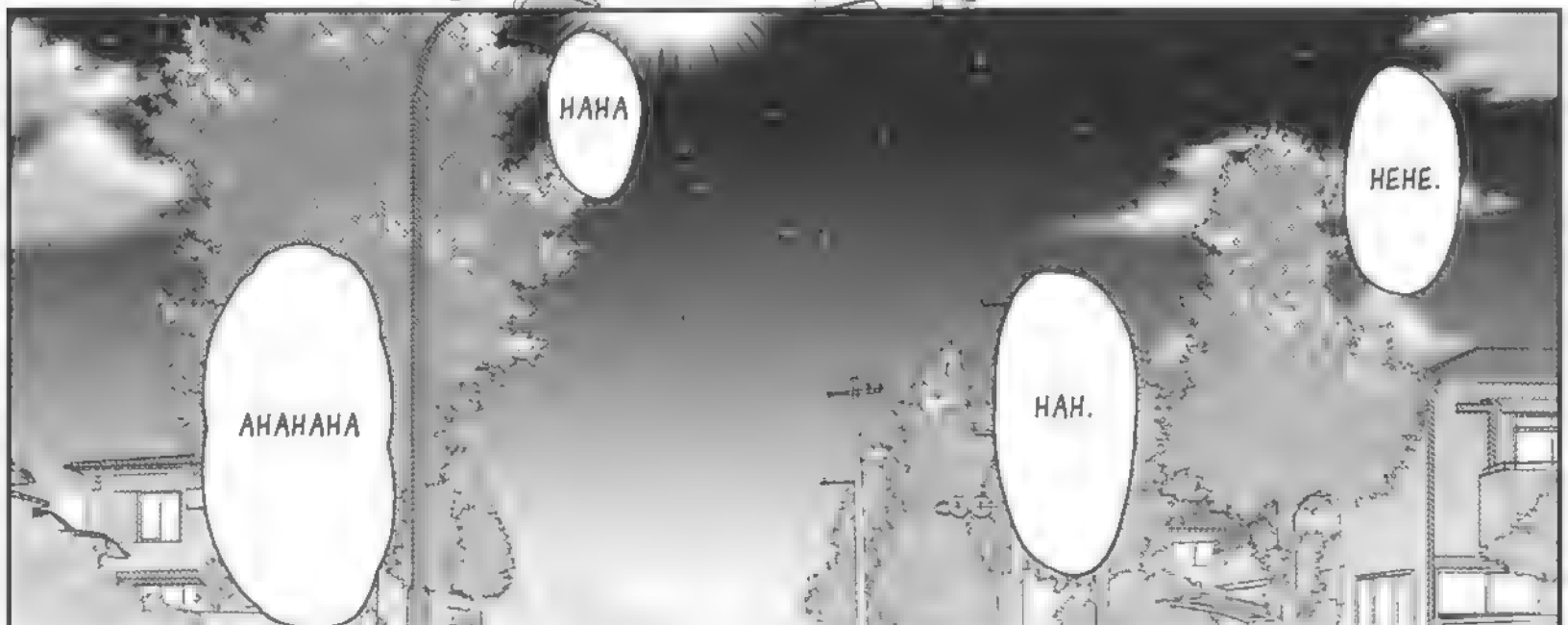
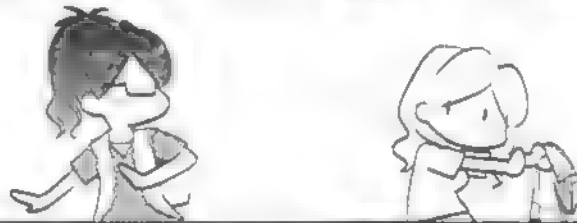


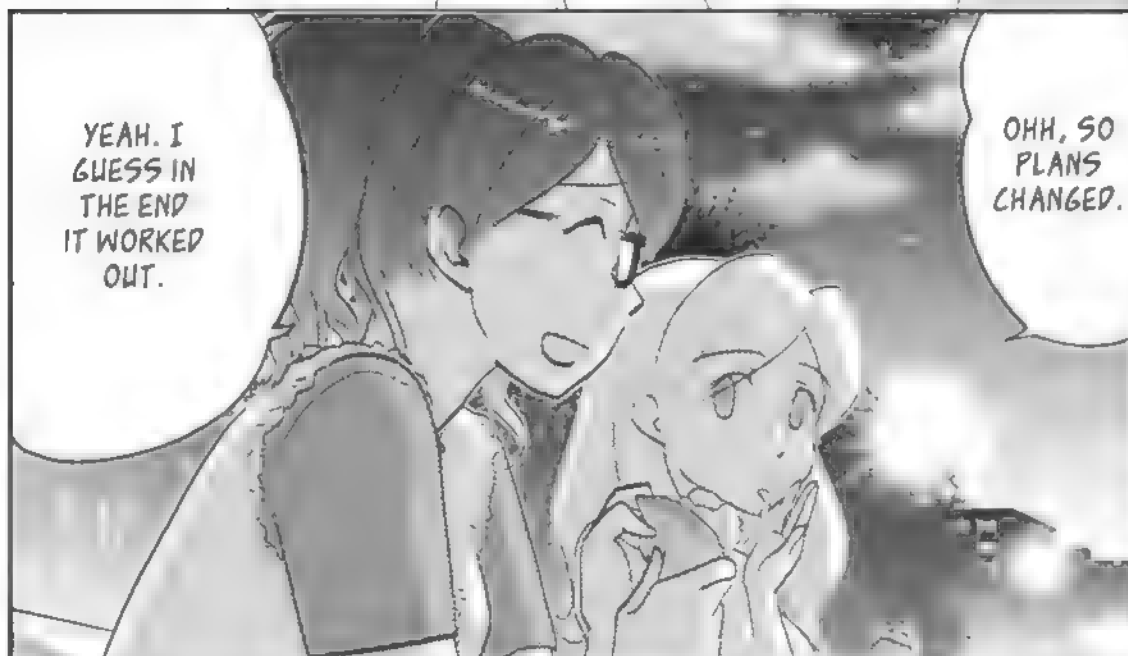




失礼します！
SEE YOU LATER.













PROTECT YOU,
KAZAMA.

PROTECT?
FROM
WHAT?
HOW?

I'M ONLY
SAYING
THIS.

NO

THUMP

ANNNNNN

THUMP

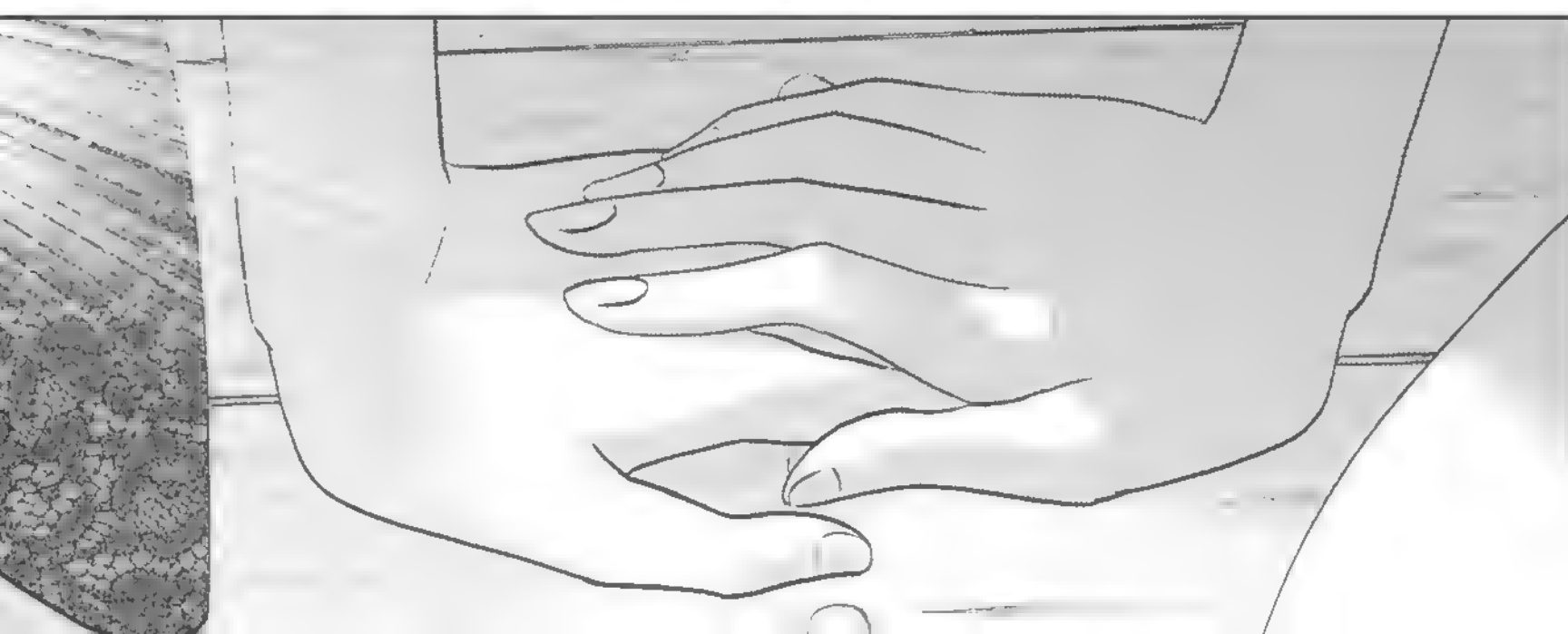
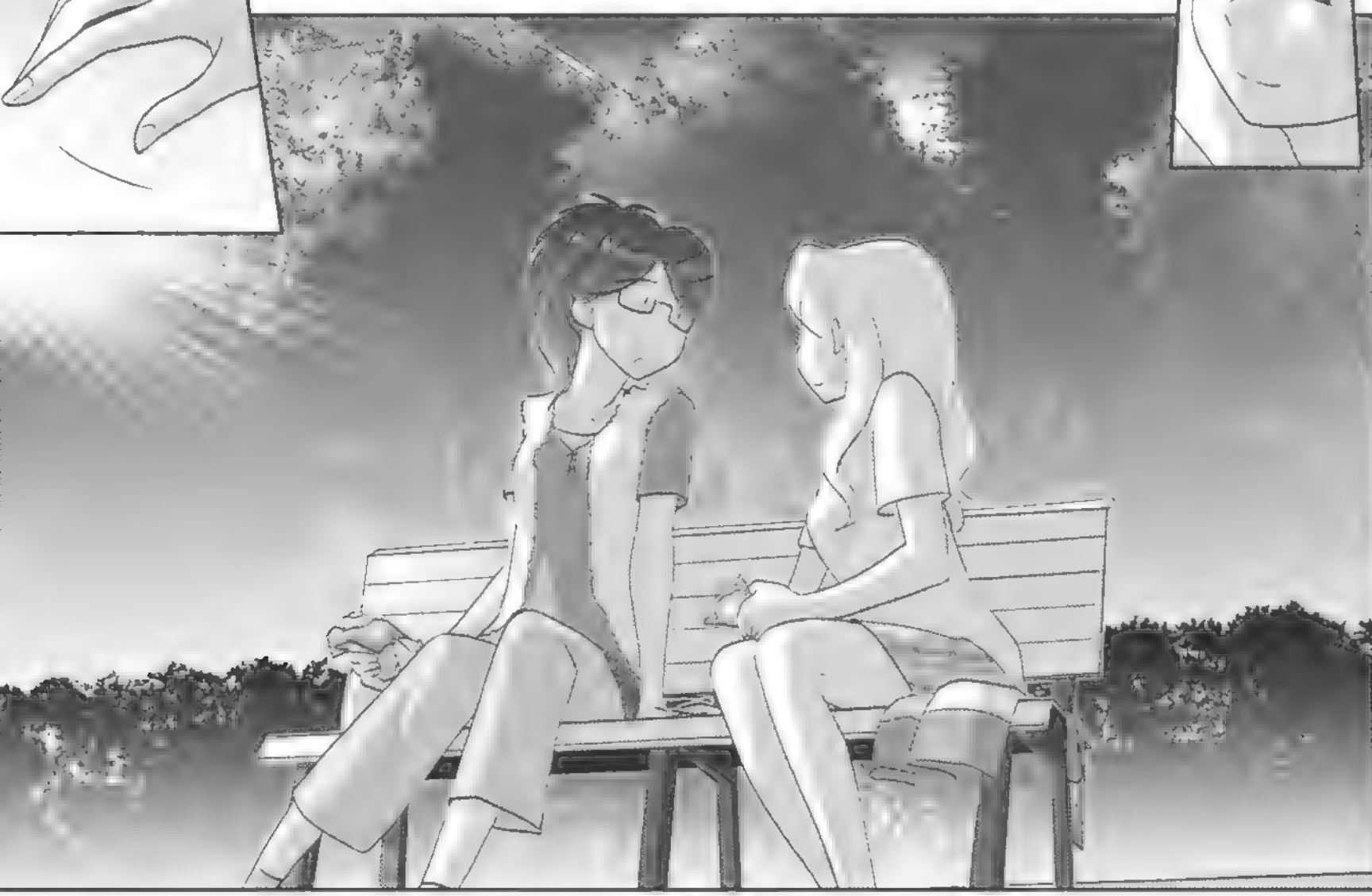
THUMP





IT JUST
SEEMS
LIKE I'M
TRYING
TO BE
COOL.


THIS
IS ALL
WRONG.





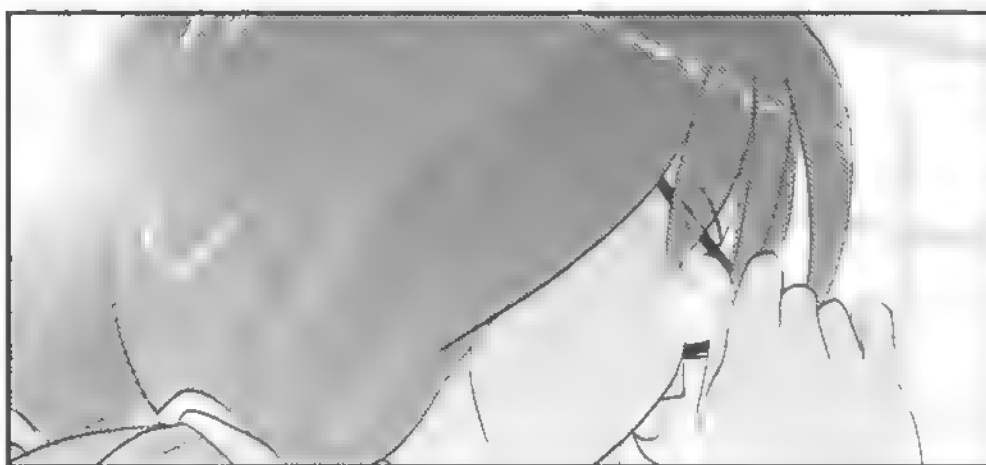
OH,

THERE'S
NO MORE
NEED FOR
WORDS.



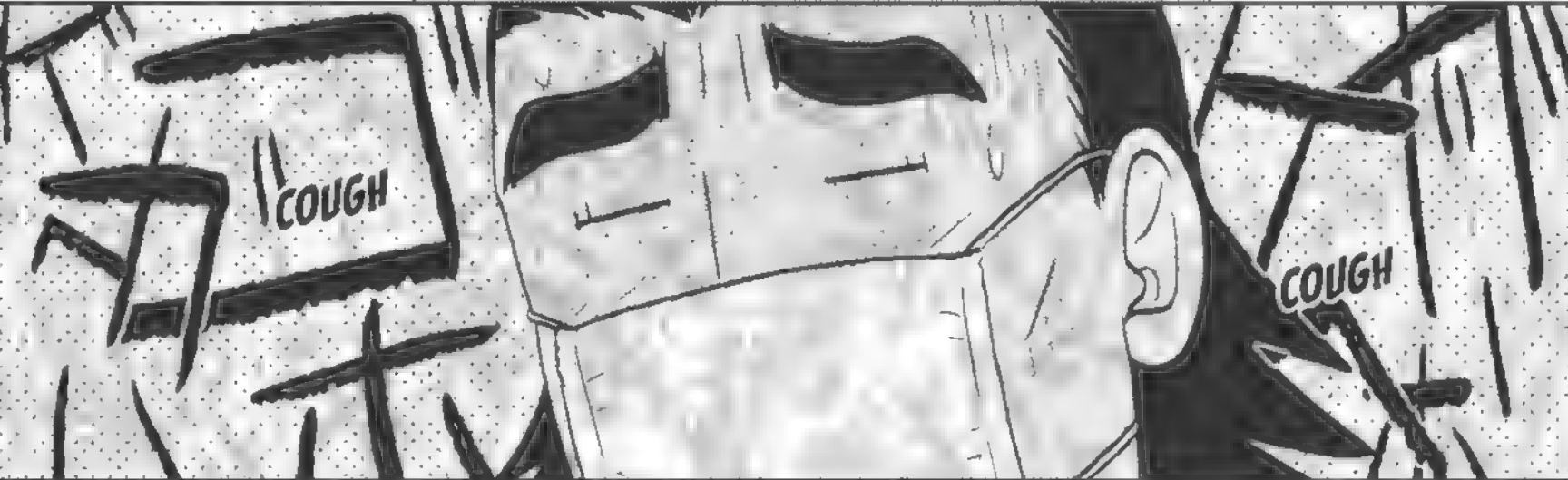
AND EYES,
THEIR COLOR
AS DEEP AS A
BLACK KITE
TOLD ME SO.

IN THE
SUMMER
NIGHT,
KAZAMA'S
SOFT AND
COOL HANDS





I GOT THIS!



WELL
GUESS IT'S NOT A MORNING TOPIC ANYWAY.



I'M... I'M GOING BACK TO BED

AHH RIIIGHT, TODAY

BUT GOOD LUCK.

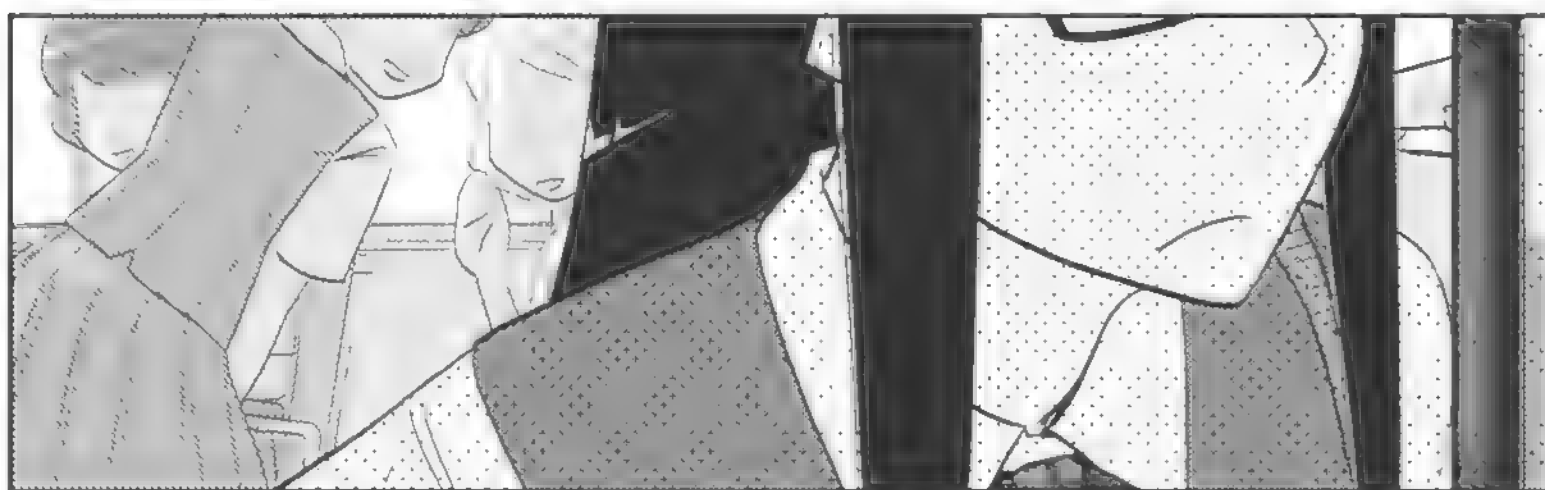
COUGH

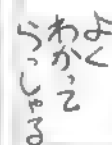
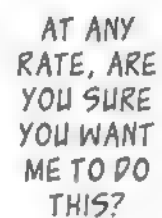
IS STUDENT ELEC-TIONS DAY...











YOU KNOW
HER SO
WELL.



NICE, SOLID
SPEECH.

HM.



NO, IT
FITS YOUR
PERSONAL-
ITY BETTER
THIS WAY.

MAYBE I
SHOULD'VE
MADE
IT A BIT
MORE OUT
THERE...

IT'S HON-
EST AND
NOT LIT-
TERED WITH
DECORATIVE
WORDS.



PLEASE RE-
PORT TO THE
GYM BEFORE
THE END
OF LUNCH
PERIOD.

THOSE WHO ARE
ON STUDENT
COUNCIL, ARE
RUNNING FOR
CANDIDACY, OR
ARE SUPPORT-
ERS:

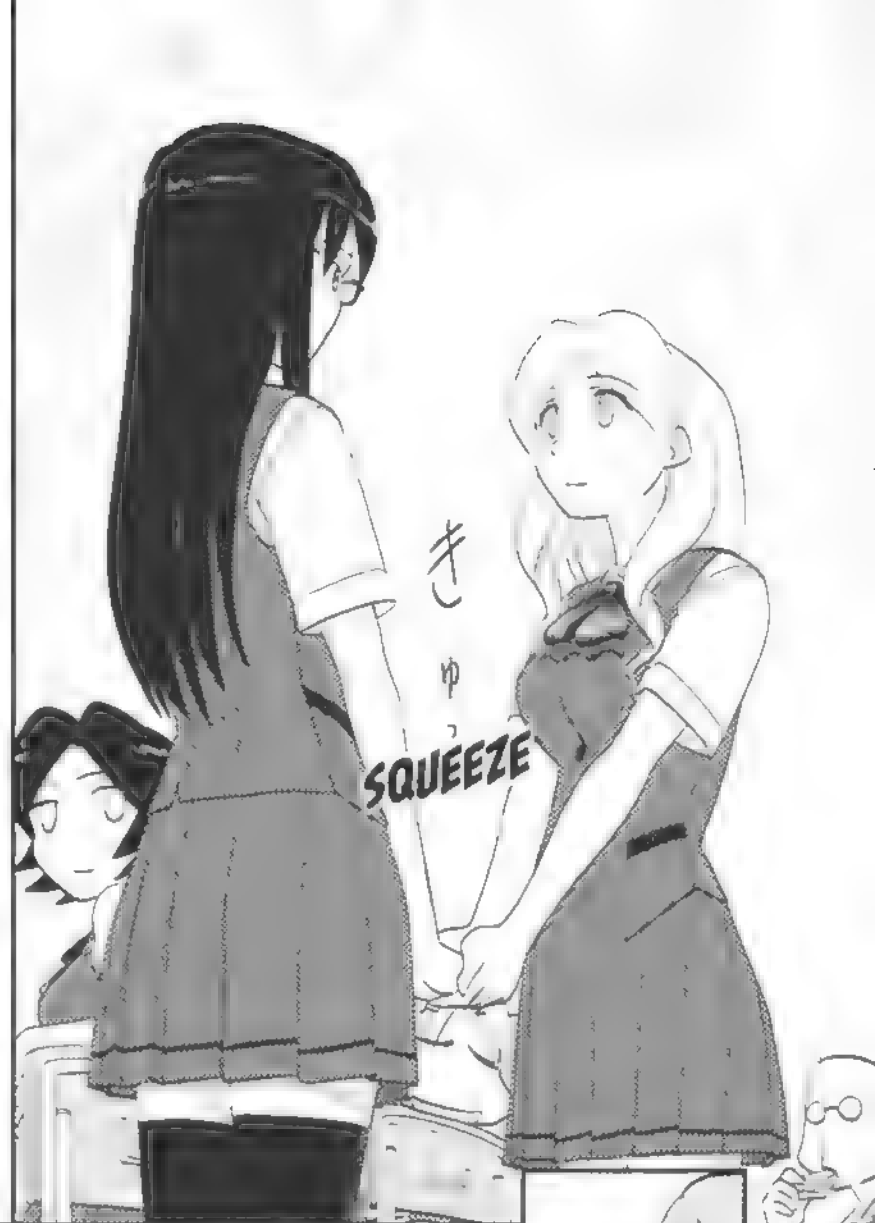
DING-DONG

SHE HAS
CLASS,
OKAY.

BESIDES,
TOMOE-
CHAN IS
PRETTY
OUT THERE
ANYWAY.

くり返し
ます

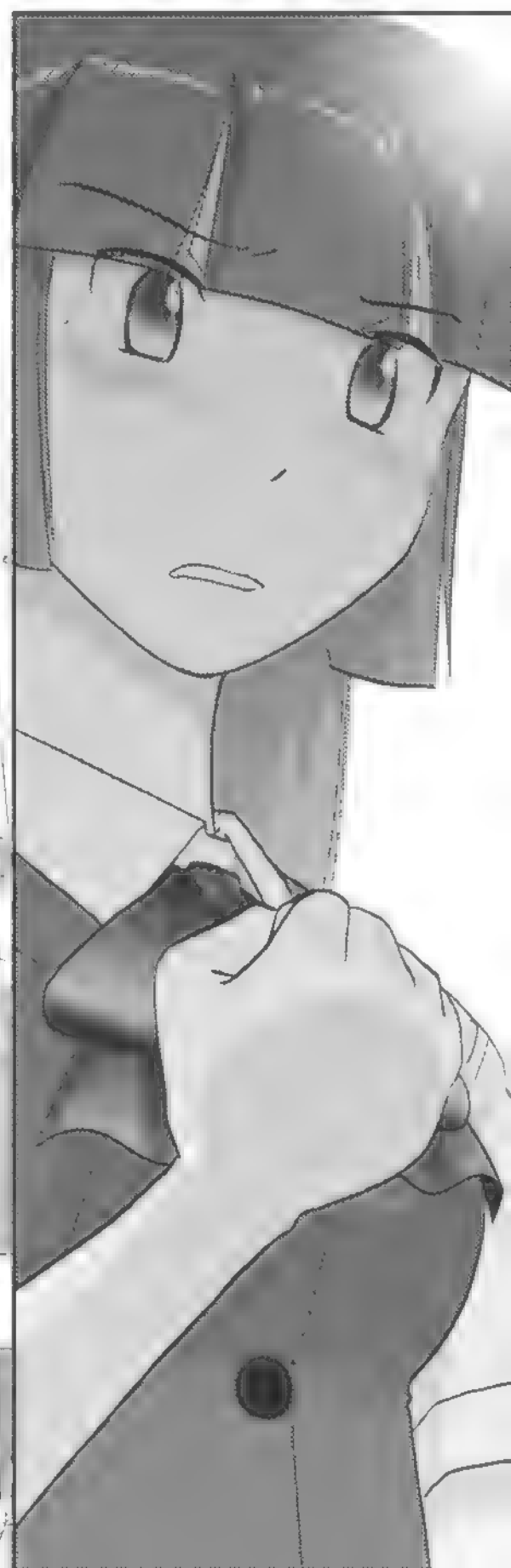
I REPEAT...





LET'S DO THIS!!!





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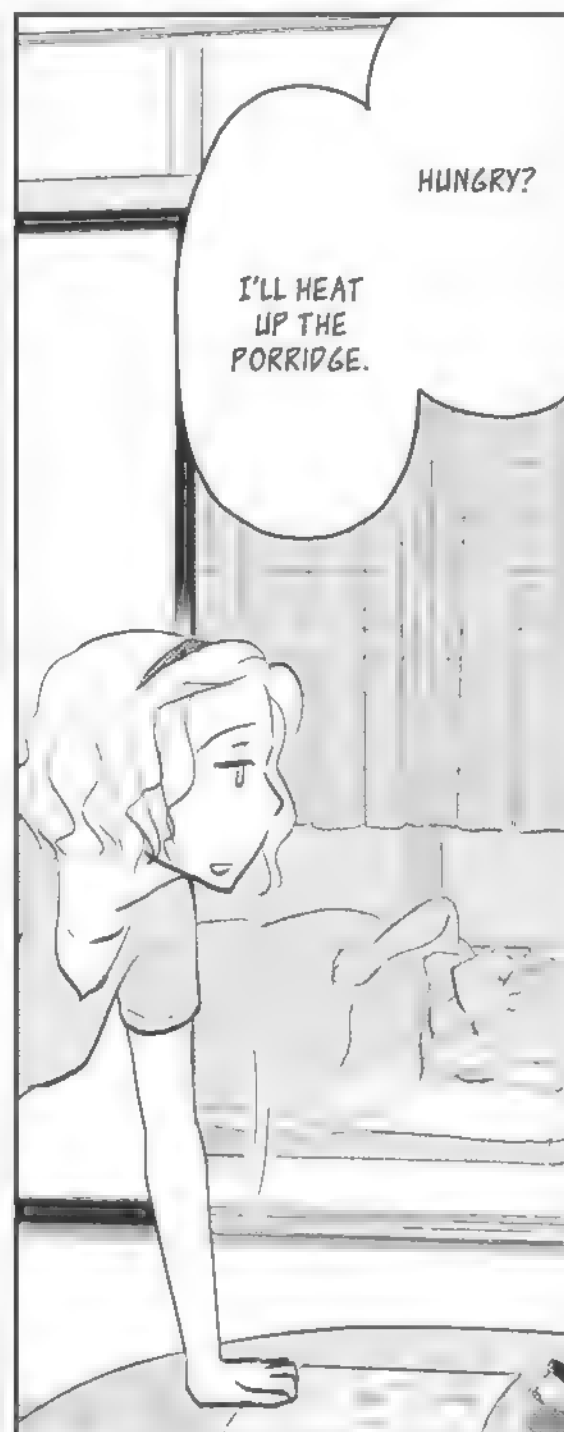
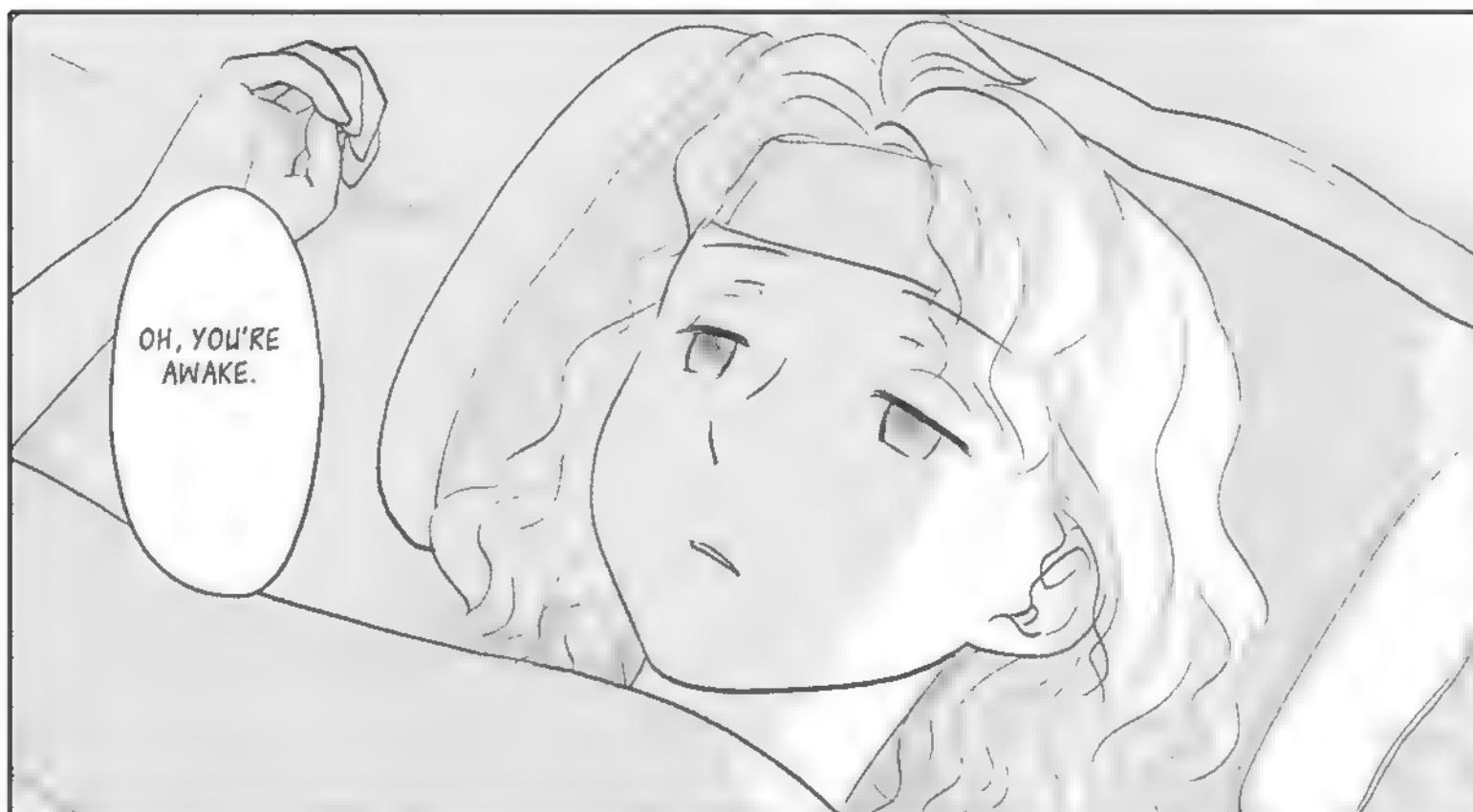
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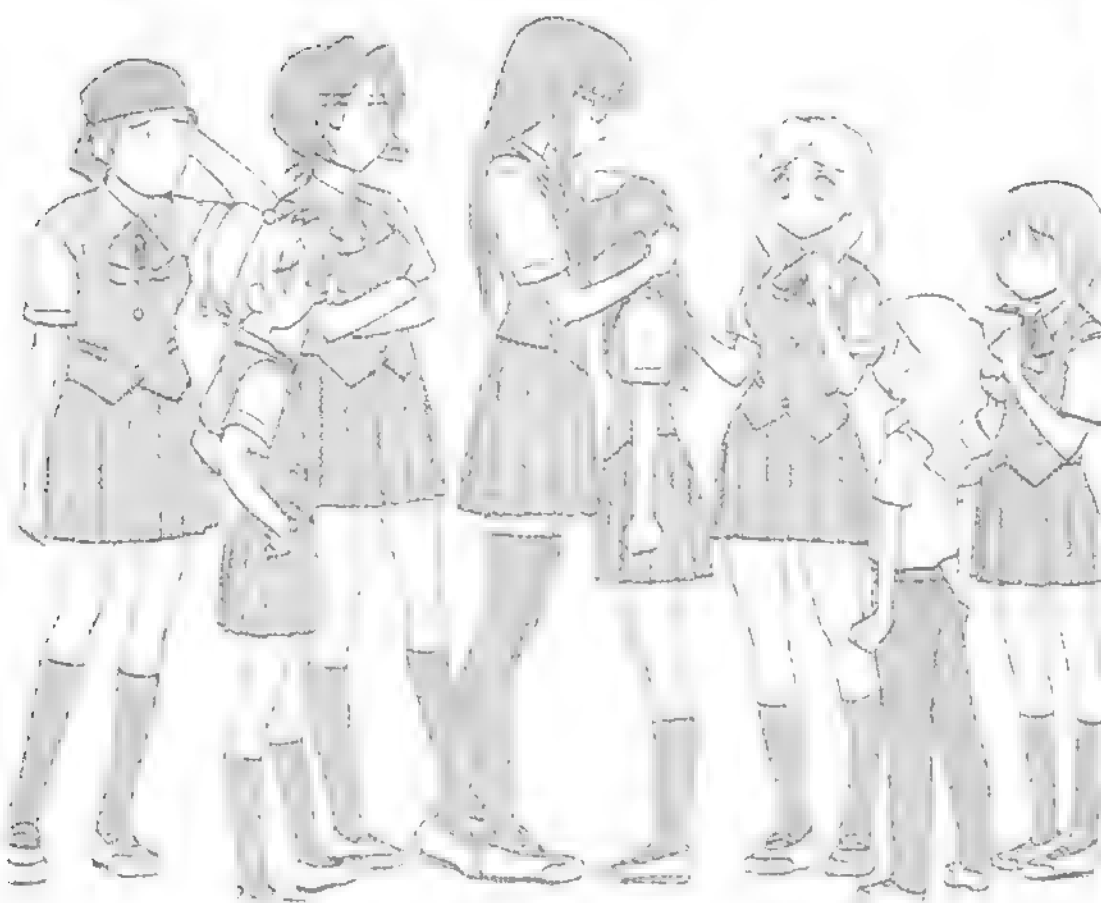
part forty-three
~ raised hands and voices ~

















HOW SAD...

だやね
ぜえね

AN UNEX-
PECTED
DROPOUT
FROM SOME
INTERNAL
DILEMMA.

ALL RIGHT,
WE SHOULD
JUST STOP
TALKING
ABOUT IT.

WELL SHE
DID BEAT
SOMEONE
UP...



ALL
RIGHT,
QUIET
DOWN.

SERI-
OUSLY.

BUT WAIT,
IF YOU'RE IN
HIGH SCHOOL,
WHY ARE YOU
STILL BULLYING
PEOPLE?



IF YOU'RE
IN SECOND
YEAR, YOU
SHOULD BE
ABLE TO
CONTROL
YOURSELF!

THAT'S WHY
WE HOLD
THESE ELEC-
TIONS
SO YOU CAN
CHANGE
THINGS LIKE
THAT.

ひう
であ
ス
OUCH.

OH...

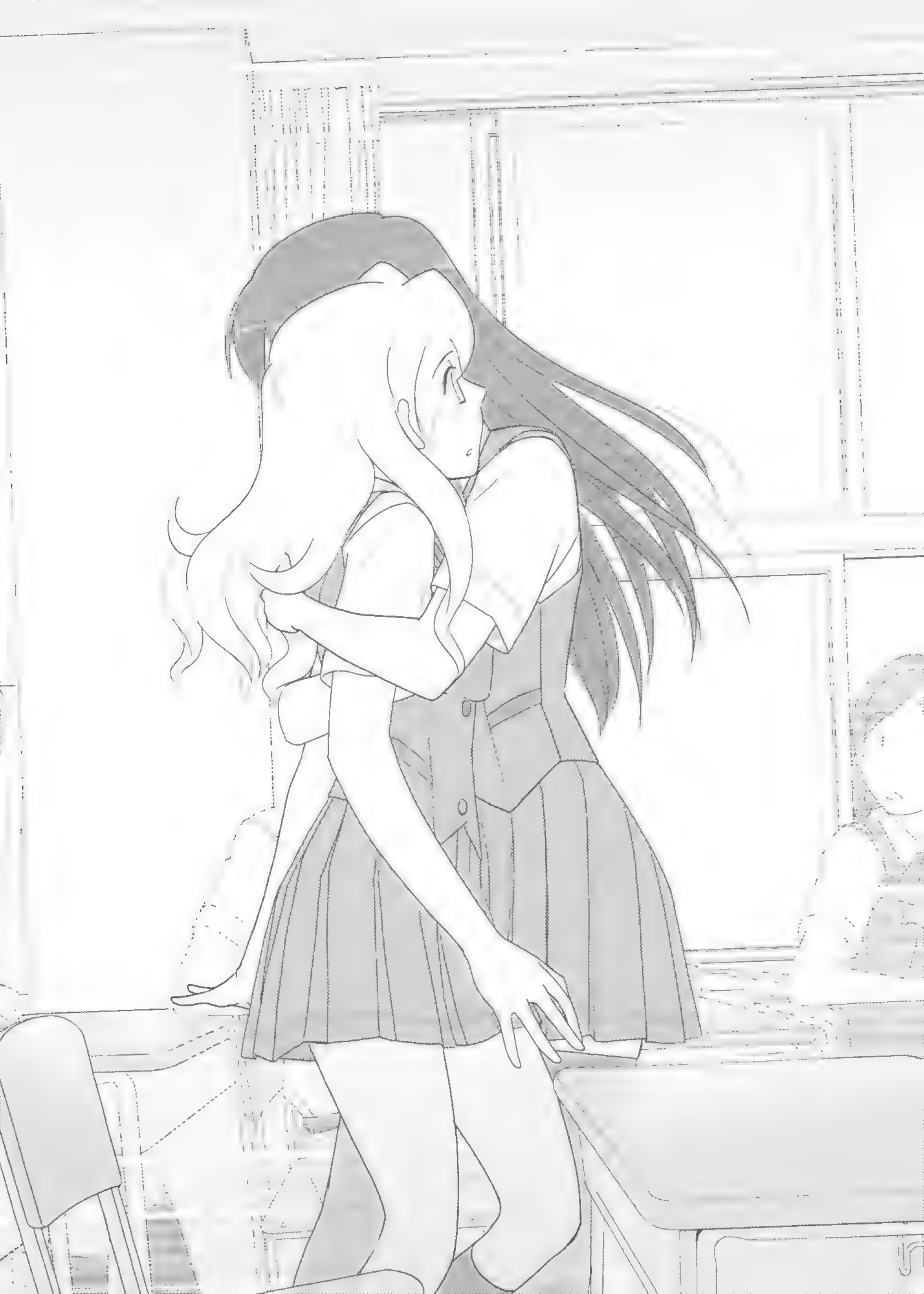


I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND.

ISN'T BULLY-
ING THE REAL
CULPRIT
HERE?
イジメは
悪いのは
イメージ
じゃない

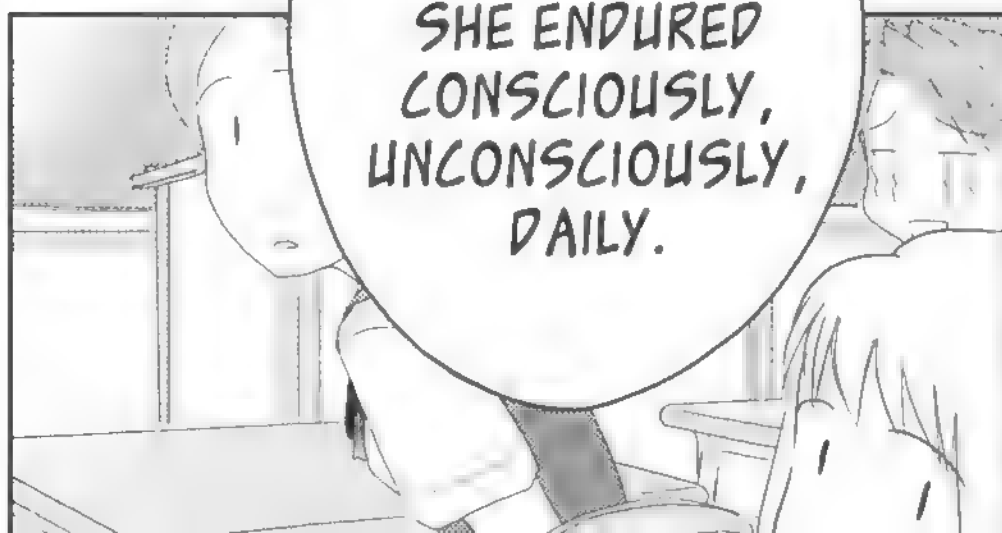
THAT'S
WHAT
HAPPENS AT
SCHOOL.






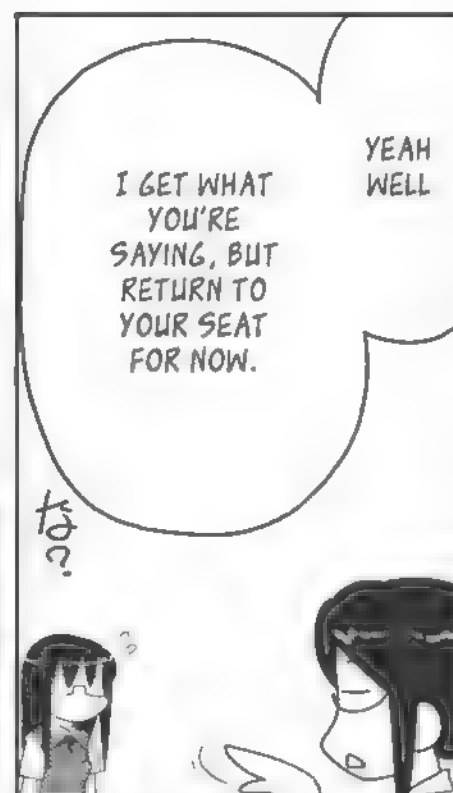








THE ATTACKS YOU
HAVE TO ENDURE
JUST FOR LIKING
SOMEONE?!



OF HER GUILT?

COULD I PULL SEMIMARU-SAN OUT









THIS IS SO ANNOYING!!

GRRRRR

ARGHHH-HHHH!

じたたたたた

FLAP



SHE BECAME SO WORKED UP FOR ME EVEN THOUGH IT DIDN'T CONCERN HER DIRECTLY!

IF WE LEAVE IT AT THIS, SUMIMARU-SAN STAYS A VICTIM OF BULLYING!!



I GUESS THIS OFTEN HAPPENS

AFTER BIG EVENTS...

UH... UM...



HER DUMBNESS IS ALSO A WEAPON...

WELL ACTUALLY, SEMIMARU-KUN BECAME WORKED UP OVER SOMETHING THAT WAS ABOUT HER.

SHUT UP!

OKAY, OKAY, CALM DOWN.

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さういゝ

GOING TO RUN FOR
CANDIDACY.

I THINK
I'M....



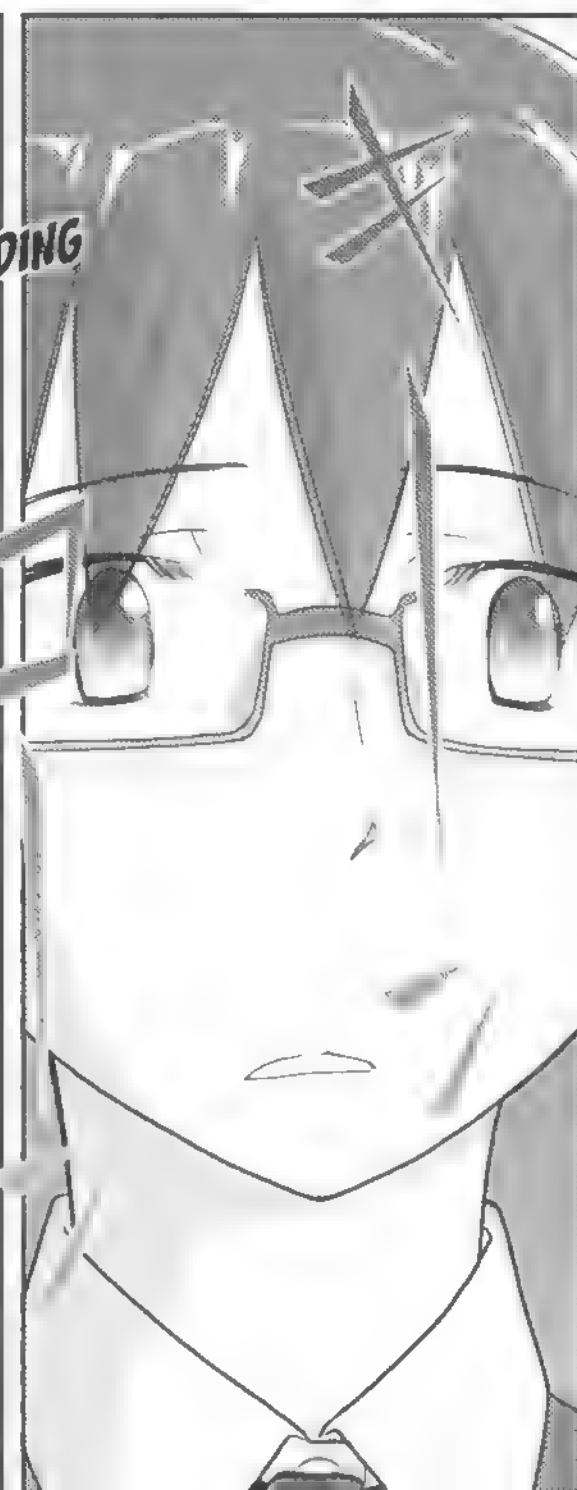
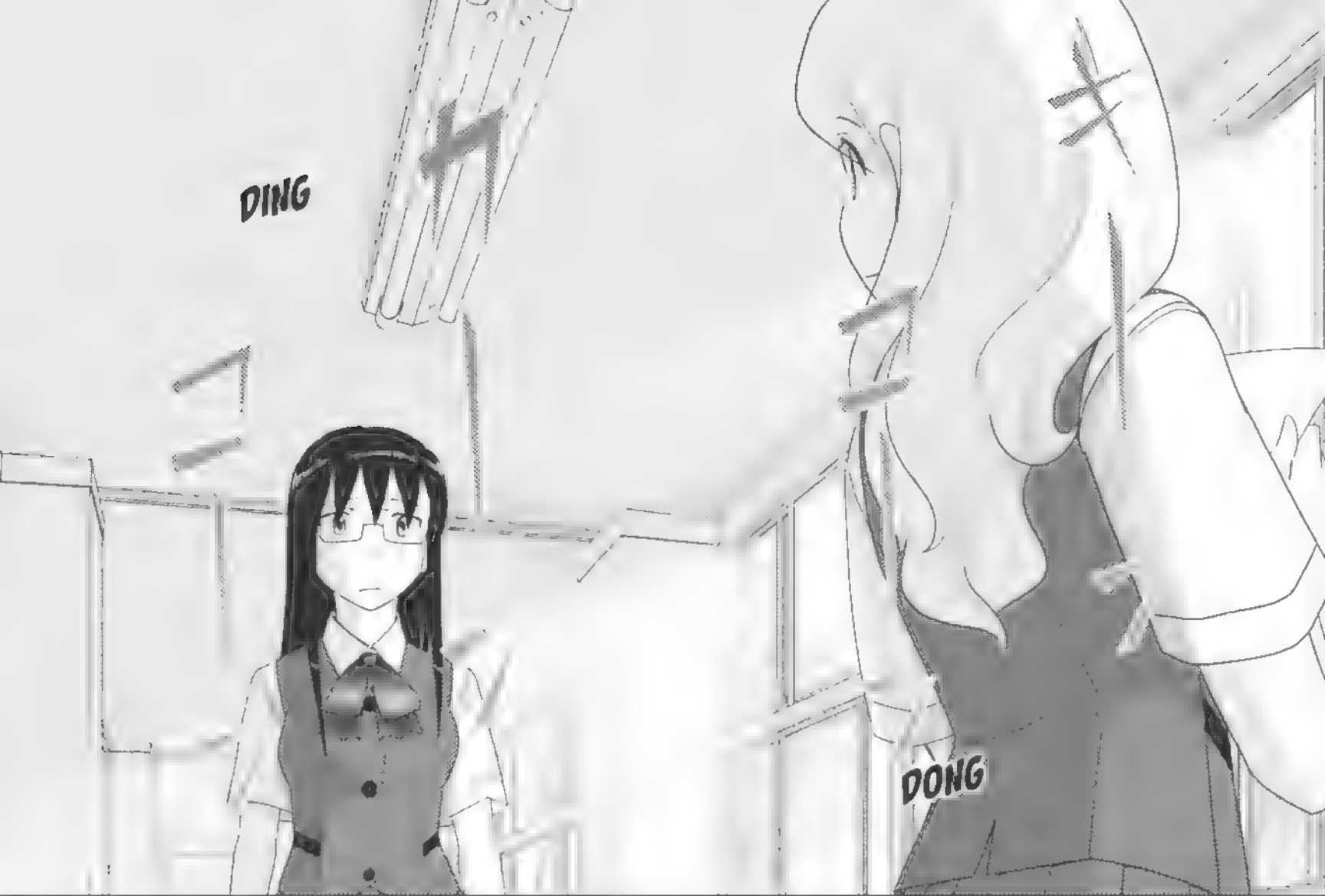
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ΕΗΗΗΗΗ-
ΗΗΗ----?



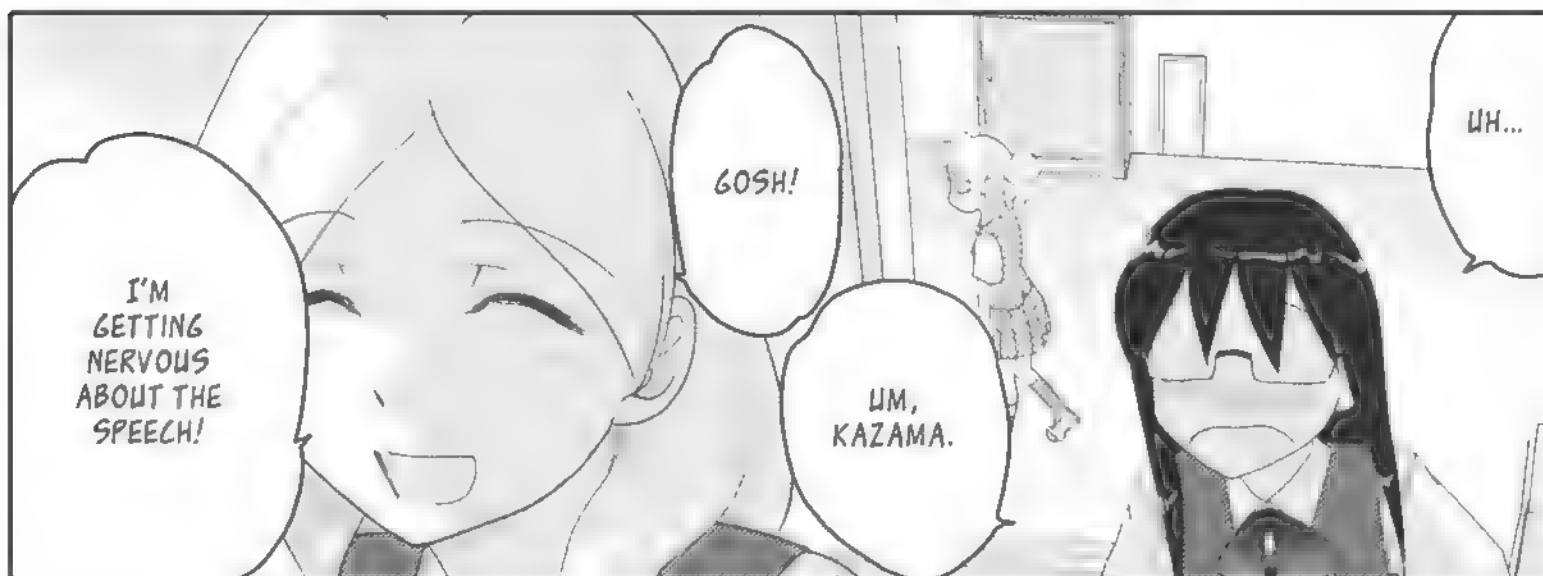












SHE WON.

ちょ

WAIT!



FOR CLASS PRESIDENT:
KAZAMA
USHIO.

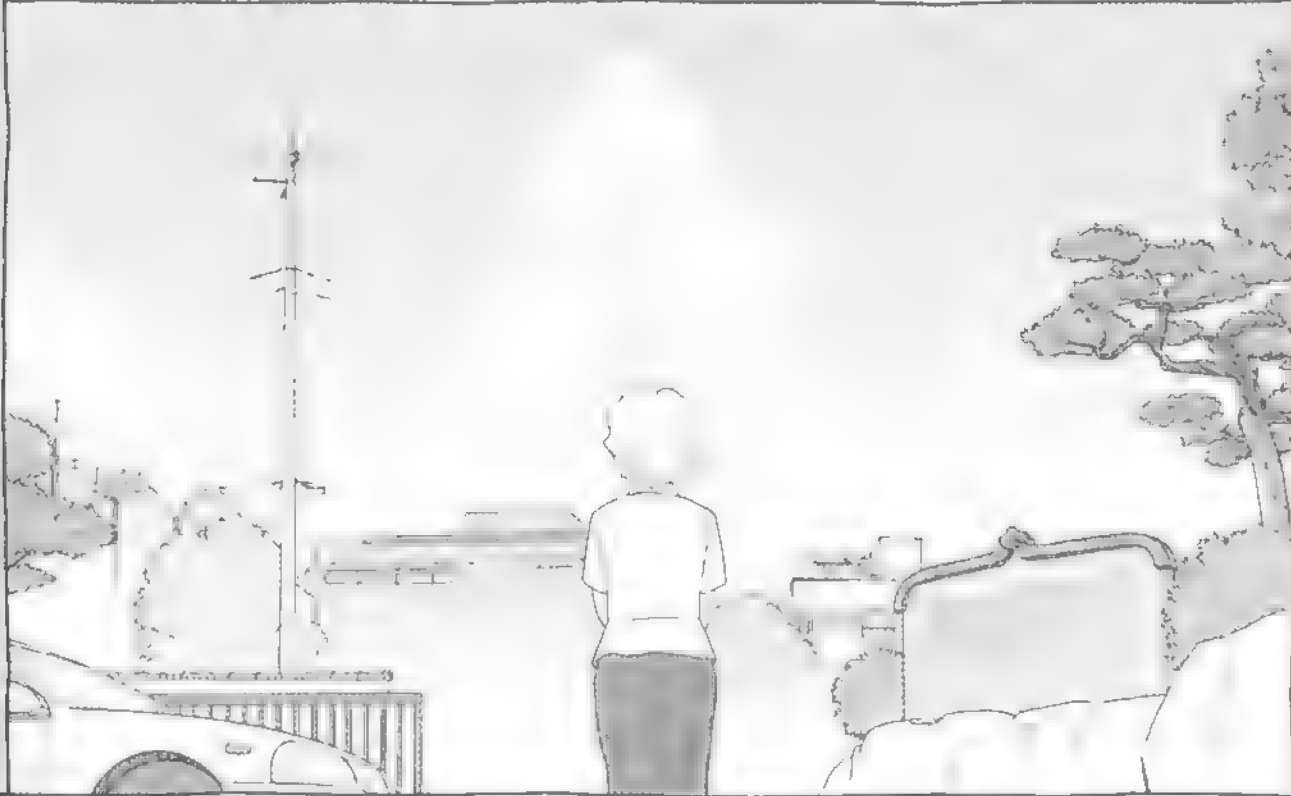
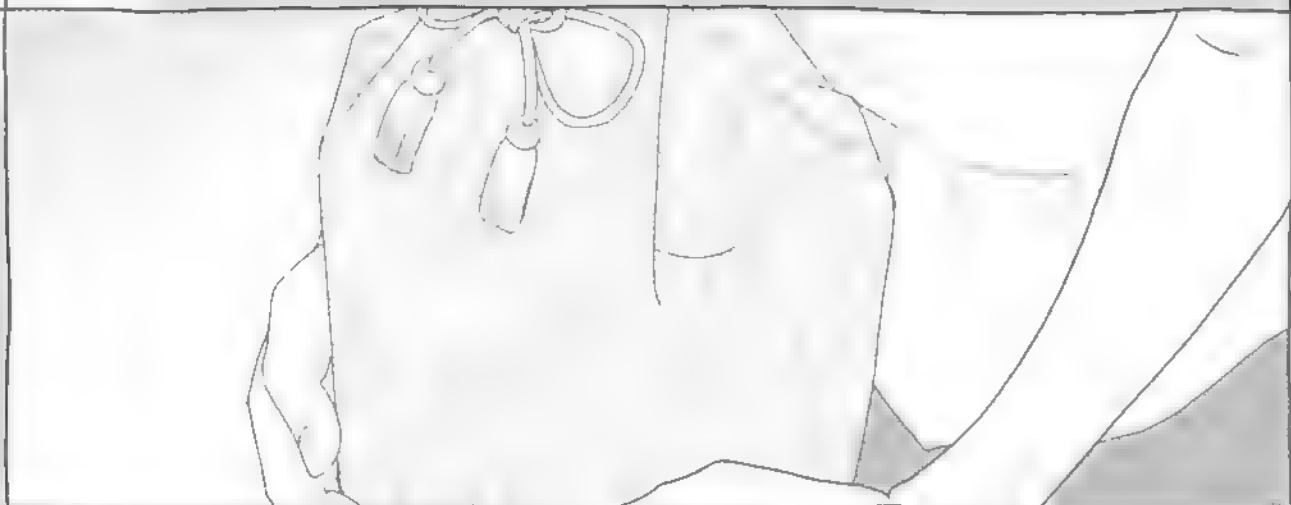
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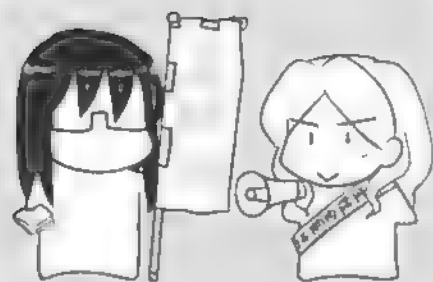
UH, I
DON'T...

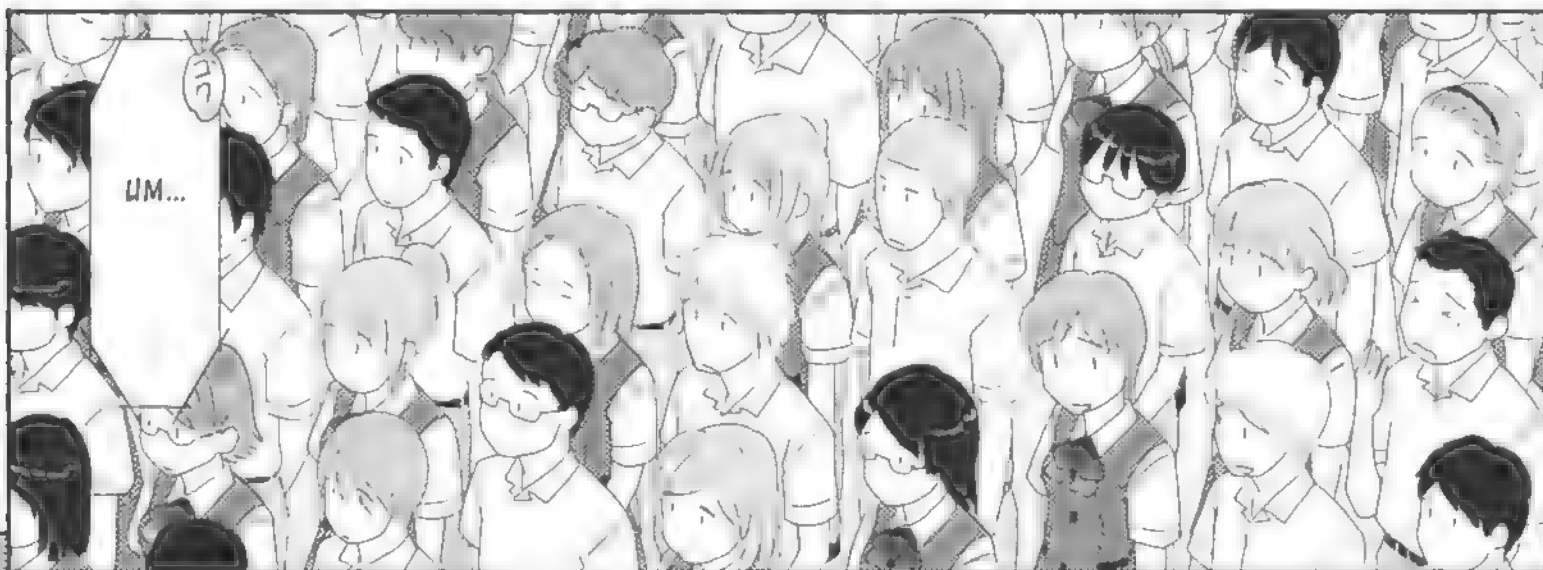
IN THE END,
NOBODY
ELSE RAN,
SO AFTER
AN HONEST
ELECTION,

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EXTRA.#43







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6... 6000
MORNING!

part forty-four

~ flower-blooming garden ~







THEY'RE
JUST
HIDING-
NOTHING'S
ACTUALLY
CHANGED.

WHEN THE
TIME IS
RIGHT, THEY
COME OUT,
BUT WHEN
IT QUIETS
DOWN THEY
HIDE.



MAKES ME
WONDER
WHAT ALL
THAT FUSS
WAS ABOUT
BEFORE,

SO QUIET
NOW.



I HAVE TO
GO TO THE
COUNCIL
MEETING
TODAY
TOO.

WELL
SUMI-
CHAN.

WELL ONE IS
LITERALLY
HIDING...



WITH
MAYU-
CHAN?

TELL ME
HOW IT
GOES



WELL
THERE'S
ONLY A FUSS
WHEN SOME-
THING'S
HAPPENING.





YEP, COM-
ING.

ジュジュジュ

LUNCH IS
READY!

JIIIII
WAWAWA



MAYU-
CHAAN!



WELL, WORK-
ING ON THE
GARDEN IS
JUST AN
EXCUSE FOR
SKIPPING
SCHOOL...

な知
い DON'T
KNOW

WOW, THE
GARDEN'S
GOTTEN SO
PRETTY!

WHAT'S
THAT
FLOWER
CALLED?

あの花
なに?



WHY SO
EARLY?!

WH...

IT'S
PROBABLY
SEMPai
AND THEM.

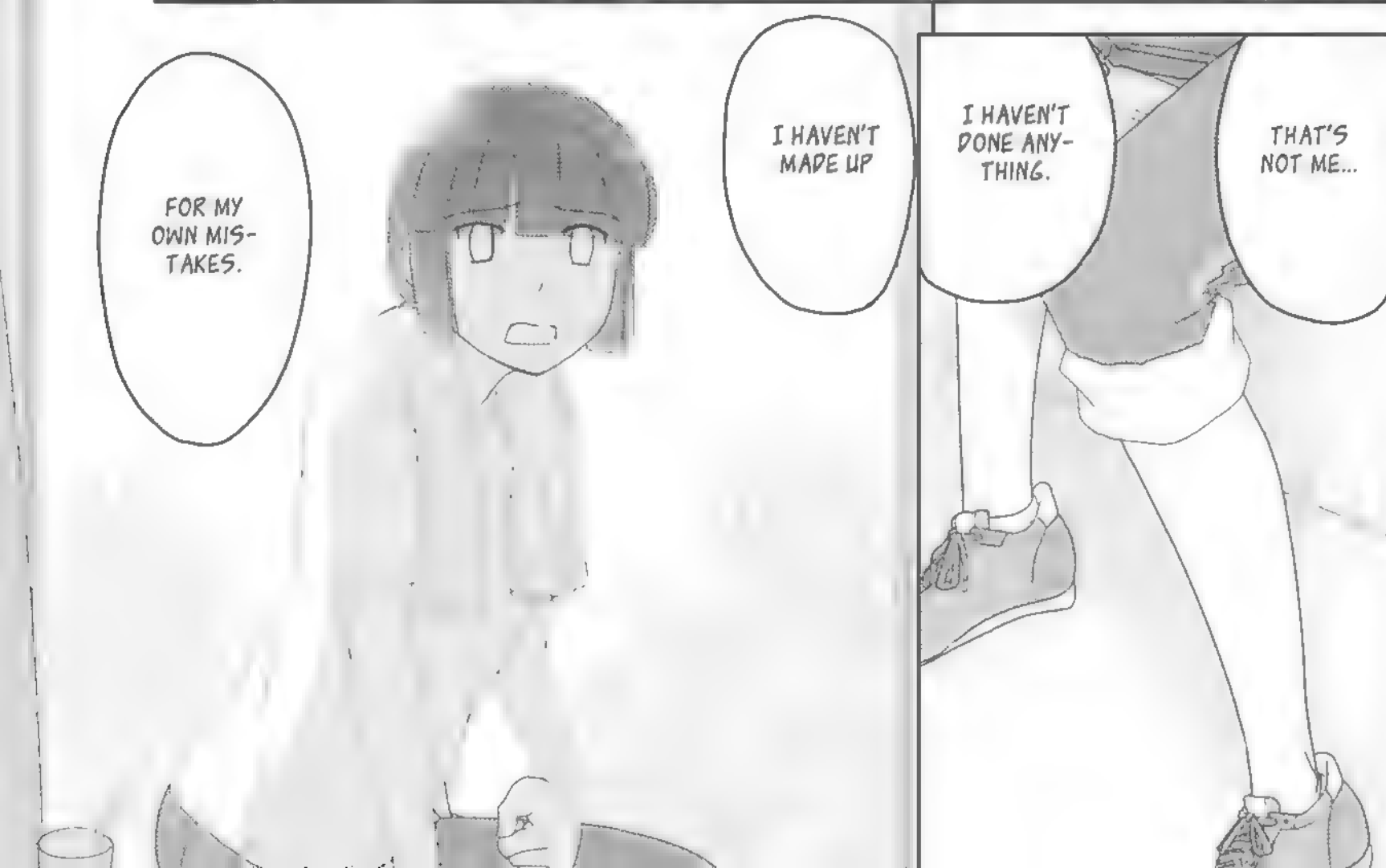
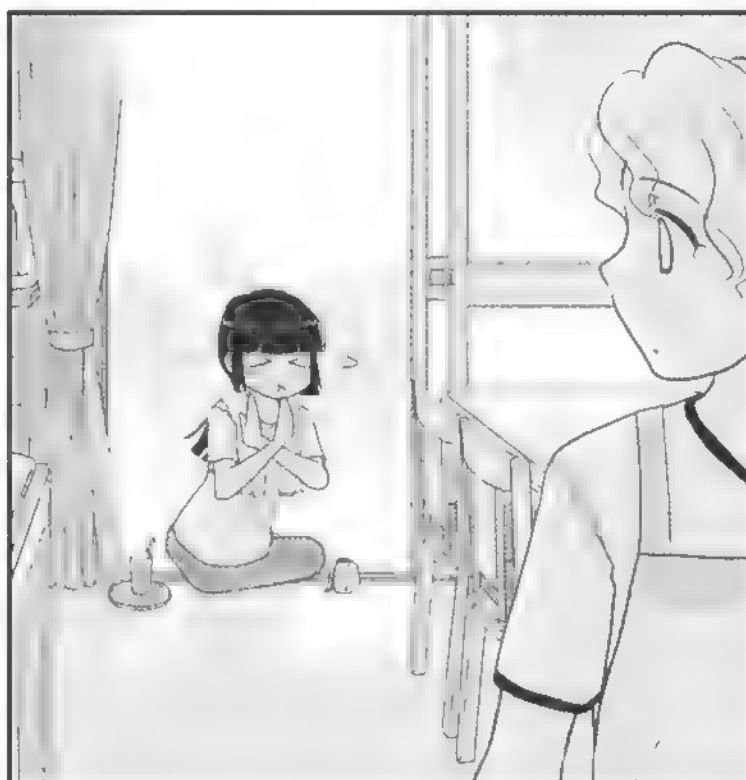
OH NO,
THE TERM
ENDED SO
THERE'RE
NO MORE
CLASSES!

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から
あんな
に
THAT'S
WHY I'VE
BEEN ABLE
TO SKIP...

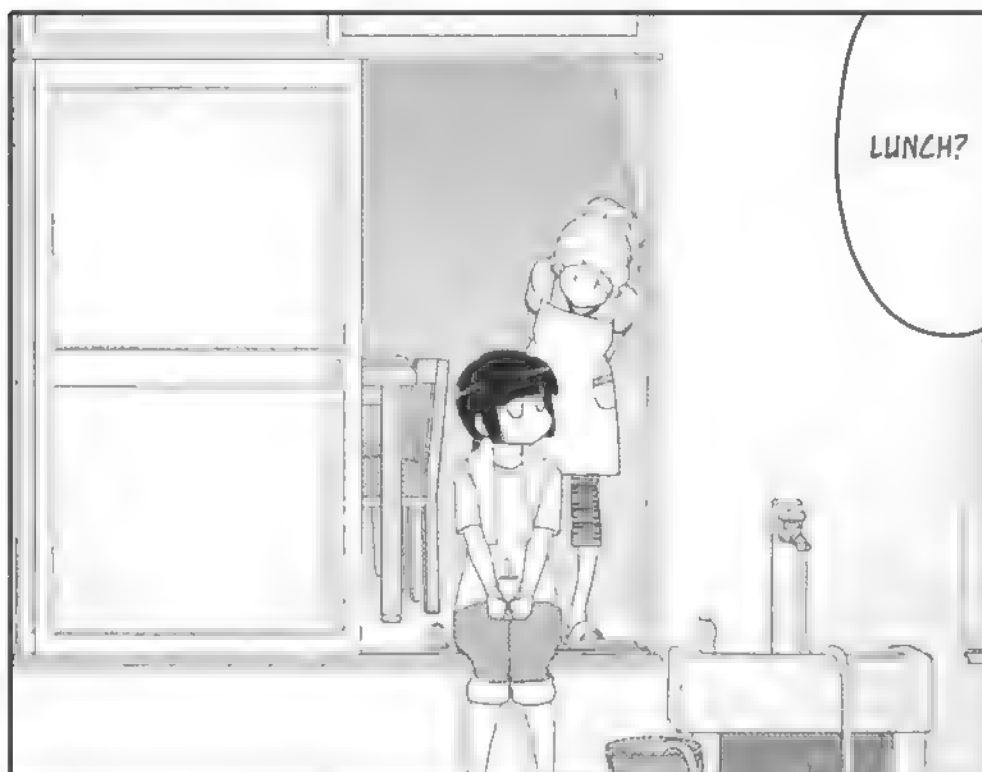


OH.

DING DONG







LUNCH?



EVERYDAY,
EVEN
DURING
SUMMER
VACATION.

THEY'LL
COME



I TOLD
YOU I'D
GO BY
MYSELF.

KOKESHI-
HEAD?

コケシ
頭?

SERIOUS-
LY, THAT
KOKESHI-
HEAD!

HOW
MANY
TIMES DO
WE HAVE
TO GO
IN THIS
HEAT TO
VISIT
HER?

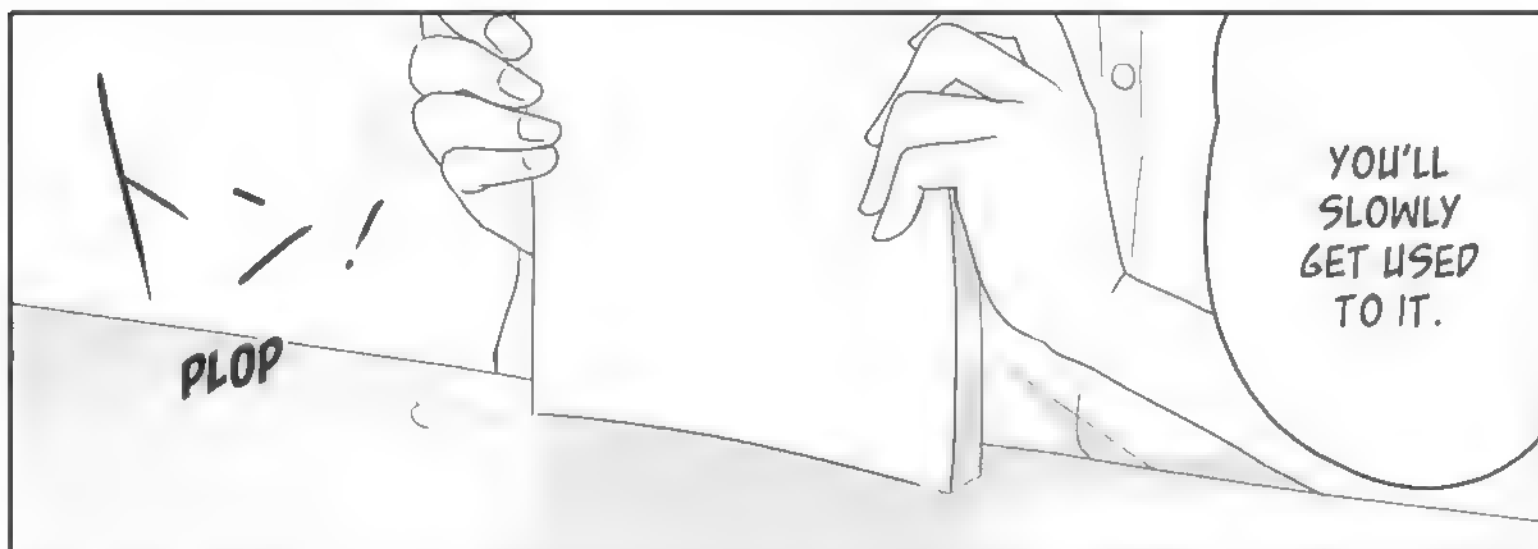


I DON'T
THINK
SHE'LL
EVER
WANT
TO COME
BACK TO
SCHOOL.

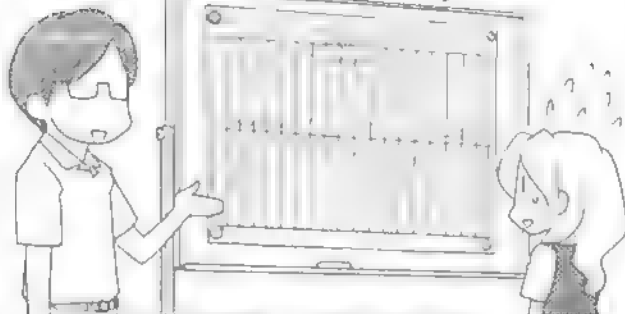
IF WE
GO INTO
SUMMER
BREAK
LIKE
THIS...

I'M JUST
FOL-
LOWING
TOMOE-
CHAN!





WELL YES,
STUDENT
MEETINGS.



IT...
IT LOOKS
VERY
PACKED.







I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
I CAN DO FOR
HER.



BUT WHAT
SHOULD I
DO, HOW
SHOULD I DO
IT?

I WANT TO
SUPPORT
HER,



I...

DON'T KNOW
IF I CAN DO
ANYTHING.



DO I HAVE THE
POWER TO...
REALLY HELP
SOMEONE?

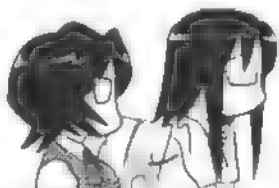
EVEN TODAY,
I COULDN'T
EVEN SEE
HER.

I JUST WANT
YOU TO BE
THE WAY
YOU'VE BEEN,
JUST GOOD
COMPANY.

I DIDN'T
MEAN TO
MAKE IT A
BIG DEAL.

OH SORRY.

PERHAPS I
PHRASED IT
WRONG.

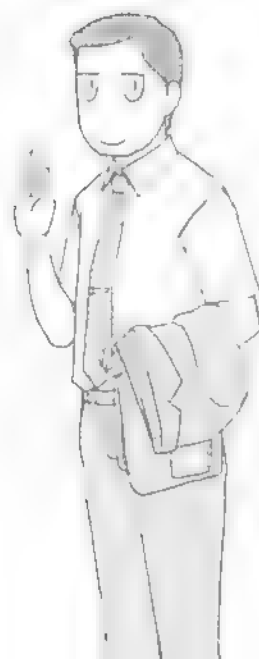


HEH...



UGH, YOU'RE
ALWAYS SO
DRAMATIC!

OH, ALL
RIGHT.



REALLY,

I'M SO GLAD
I GOT TO
MEET YOU
GIRLS TODAY.





THEY SAID SHE COULD TAKE HER FINALS DURING SUMMER BREAK.

UH HUH,

DID YOU GO TO THE SCHOOL?



HEY.

I'M HOME.

WOW, I'M TIRED.



THAT "MURASAME-SEMPAI."

BUT ANYWAY, WE MET UP TODAY.

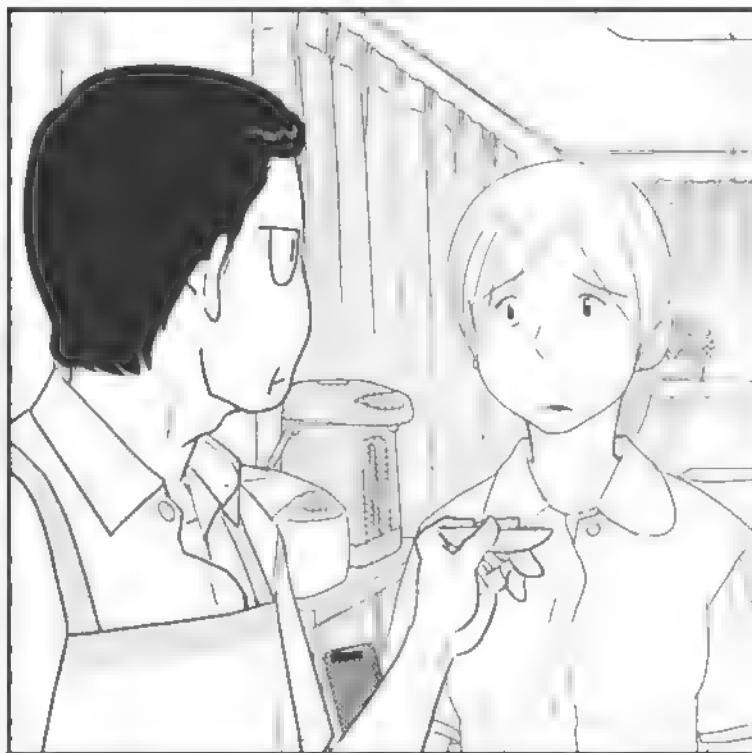


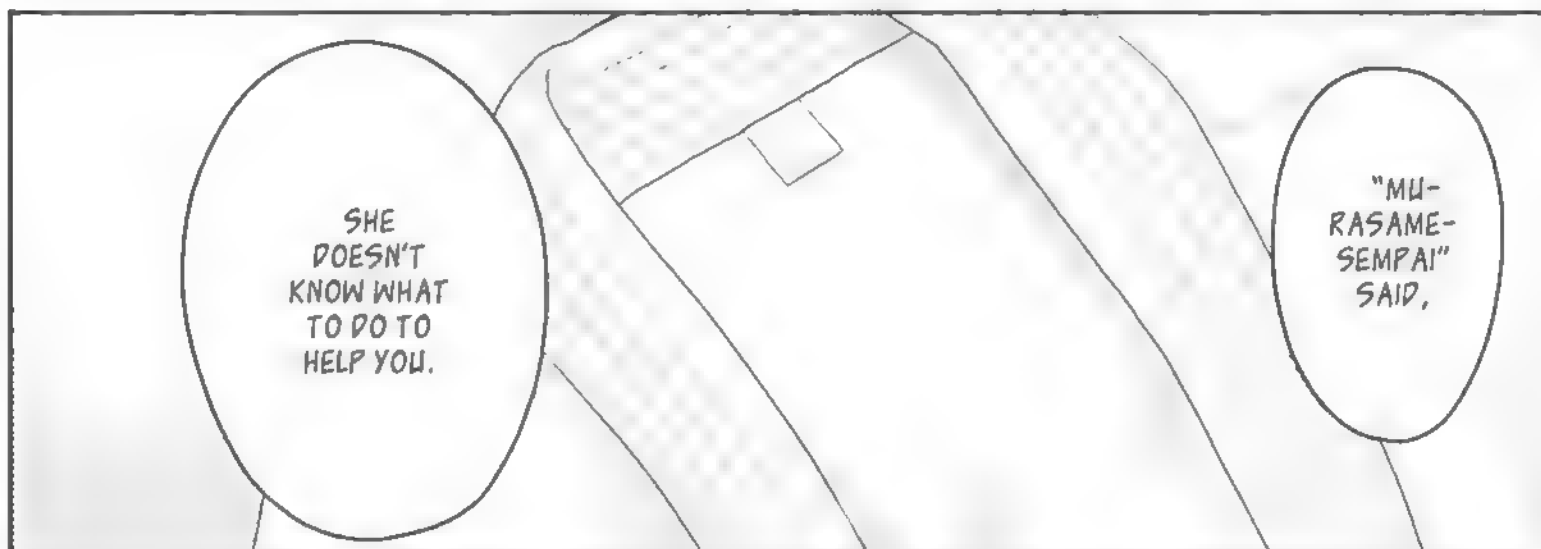
IN FACT, I THINK OUR DAUGHTER HAS A GOOD EYE FOR PEOPLE.

WHAT?

I DON'T BLAME HER FOR FALLING FOR HER.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...?







THINK,
MAYU.

WHAT DO
YOU HAVE
TO DO
NEXT?



GOOD...

GOOD
MORNING.



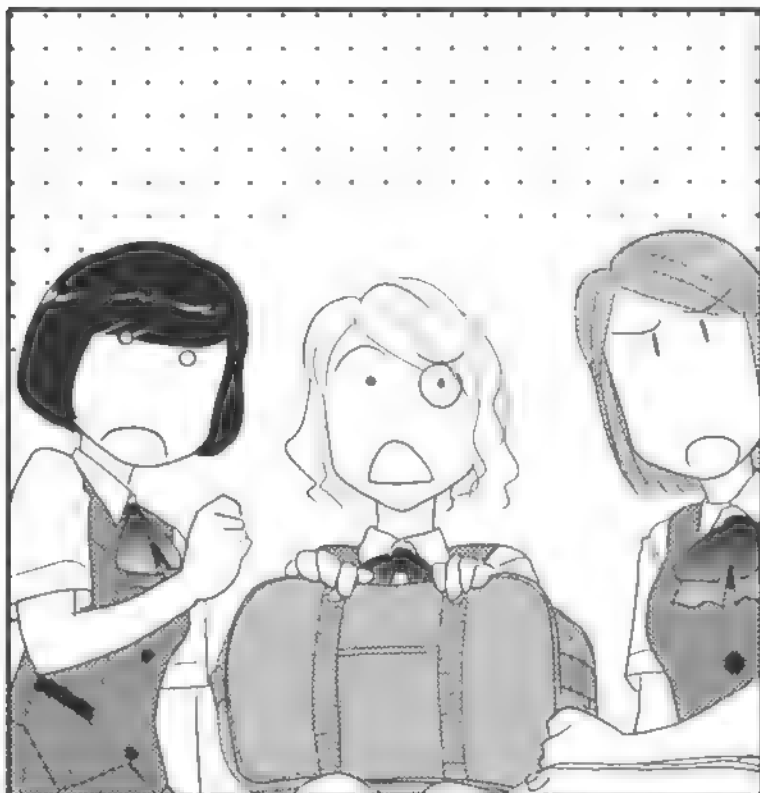
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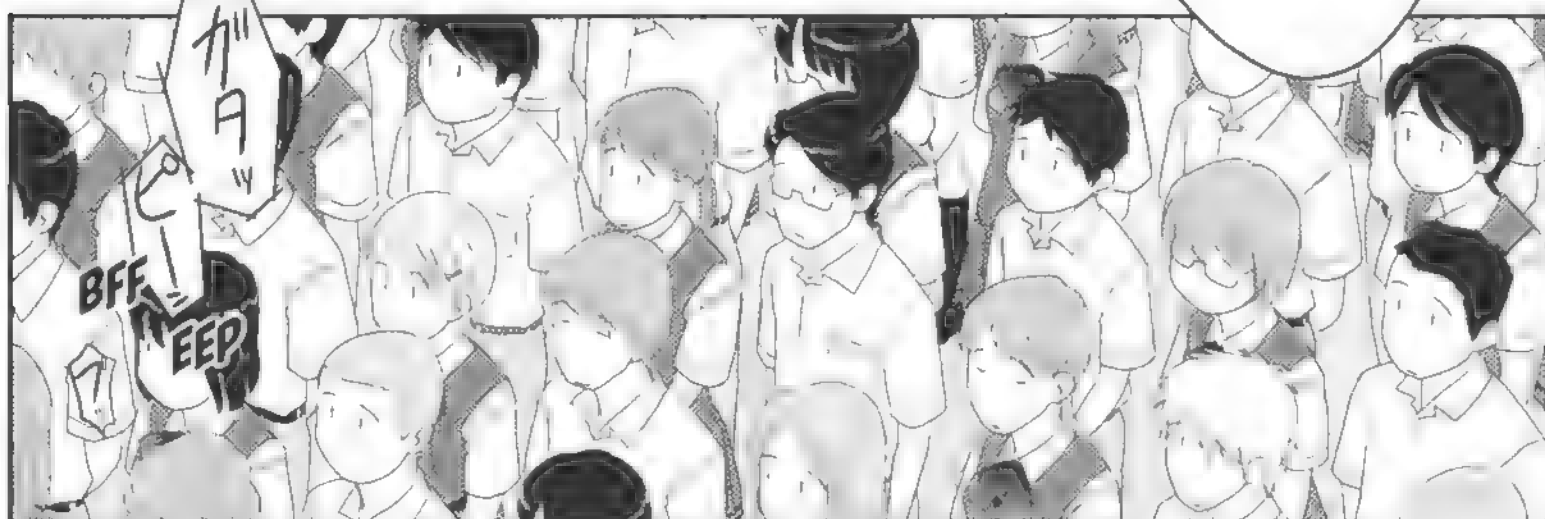
MORNIN'!

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M...

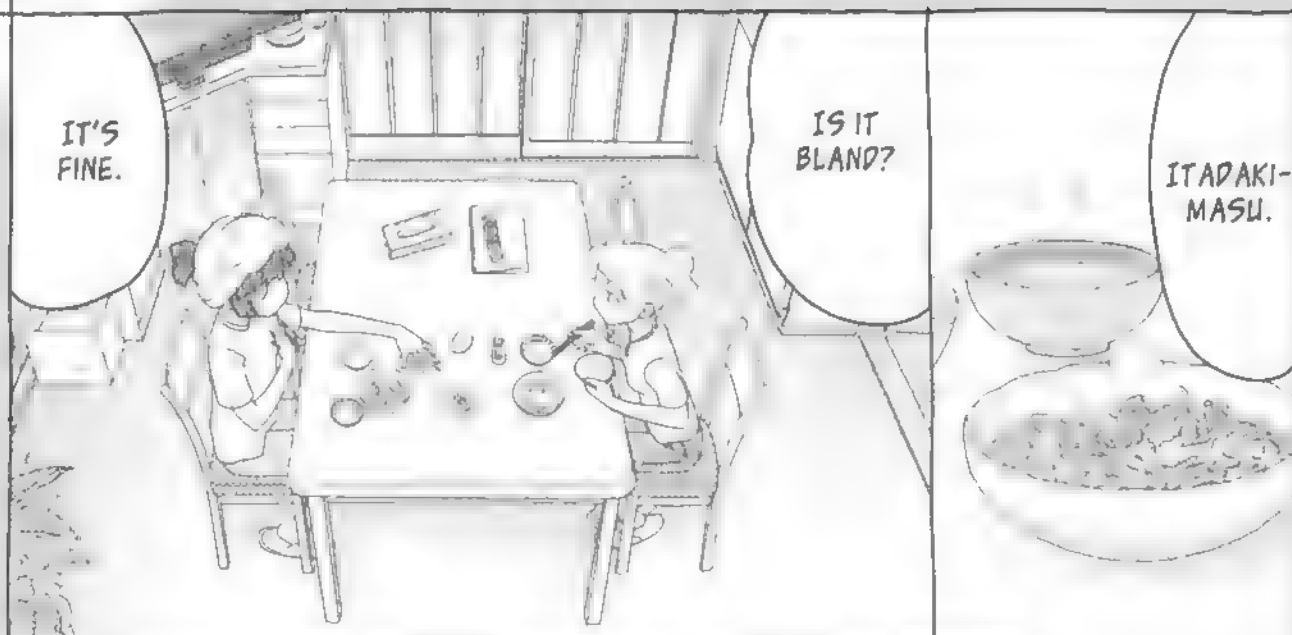


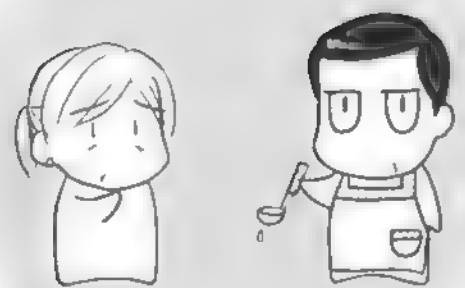


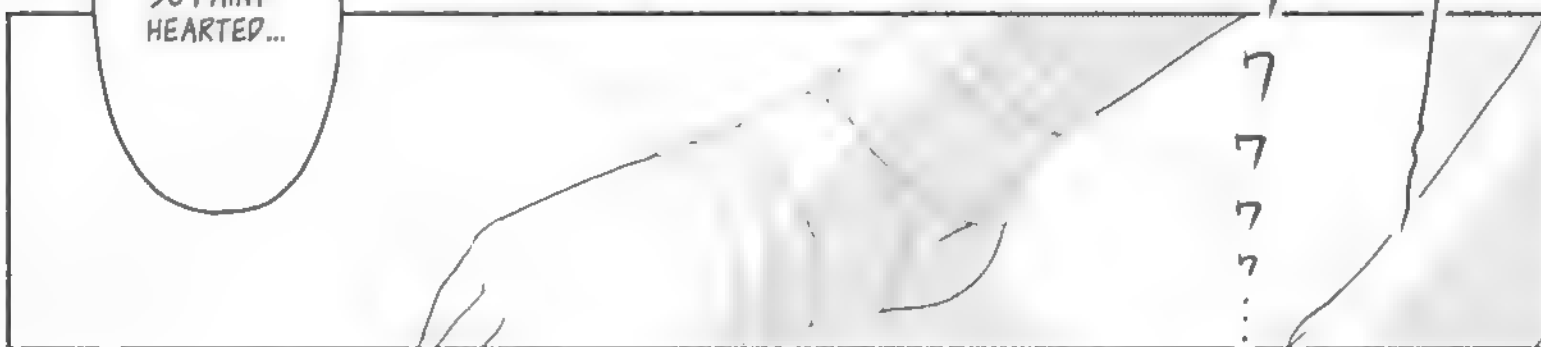
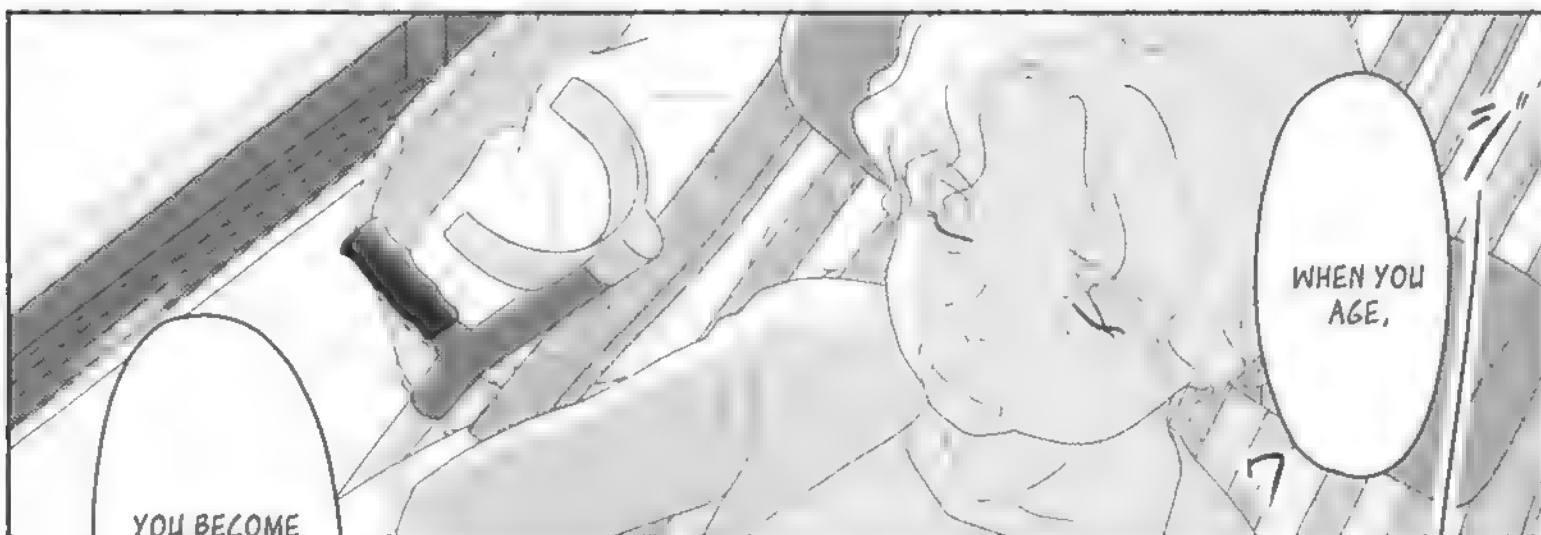
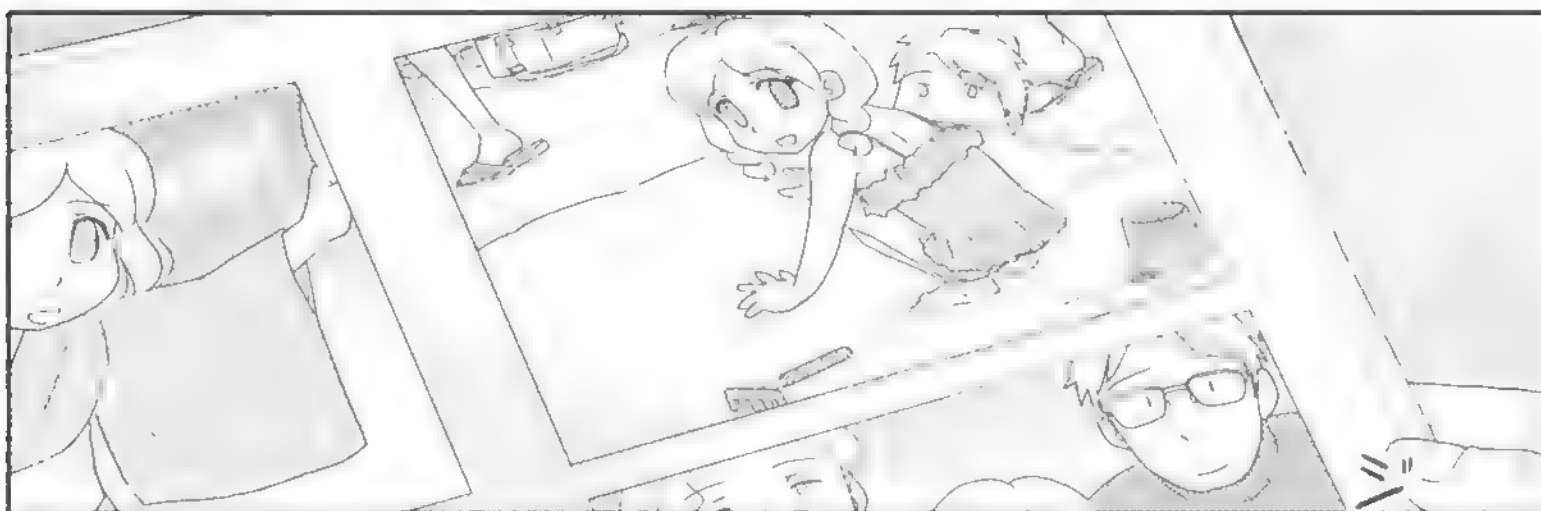


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EXTRA #44









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~summer vacation together
part 1 ~



THE SUMMER
DURING
SECOND
YEAR OF HIGH
SCHOOL IS
A PRECIOUS
TIME.



IT IS A TIME OF
RELAXATION AND
PEACE WHEN ONE
SECOND MAY FEEL
LIKE FOREVER.

BY THEN ONE IS USED
TO THE ENVIRONMENT,
ARE BECOMING MORE
MATURE, AND ENTRANCE
EXAMS ARE STILL FAR
ENOUGH TO NOT WORRY
ABOUT.



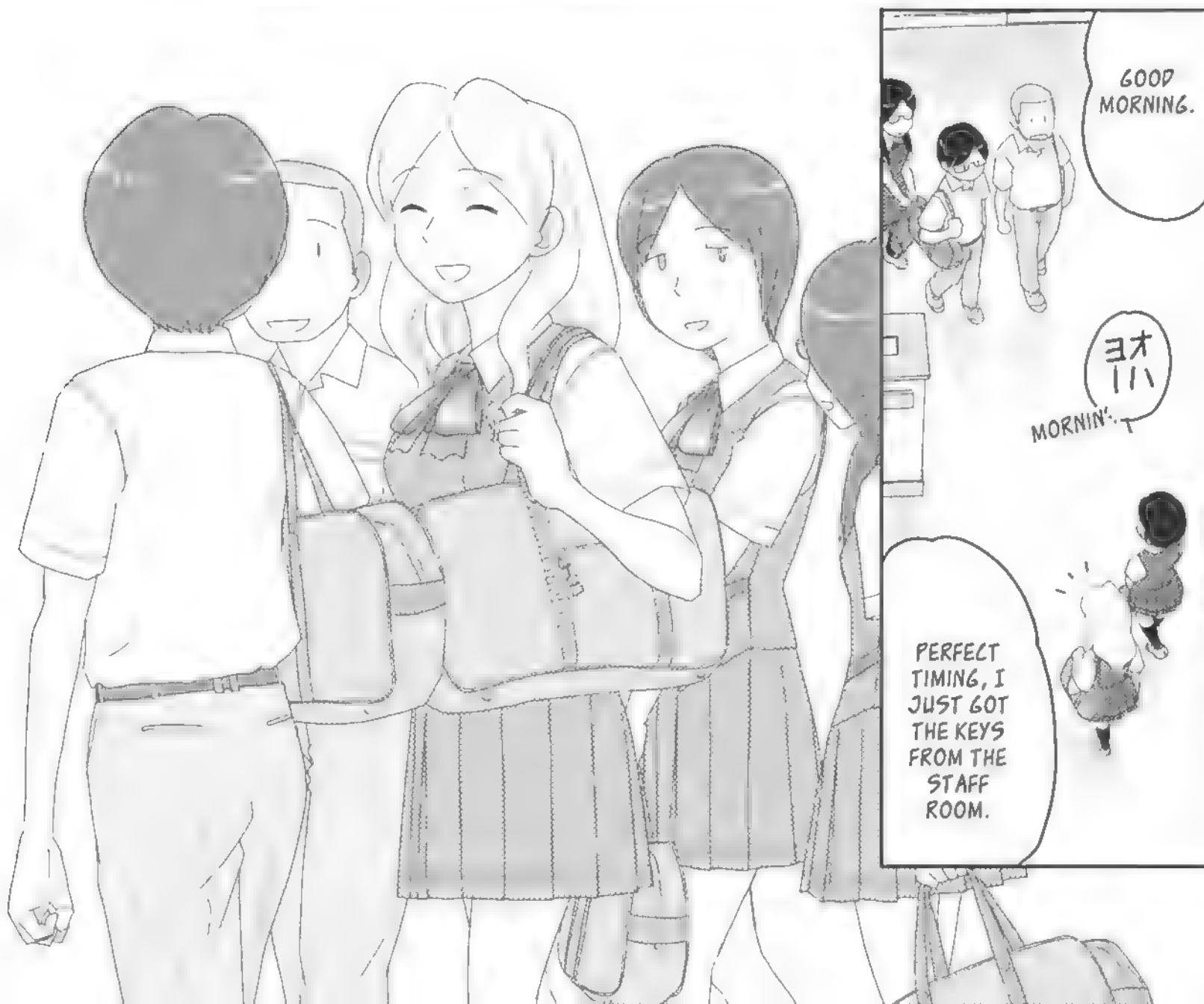
EVEN DUR-
ING SUMMER
THERE'RE
LOTS OF
PEOPLE
HERE, HUH.

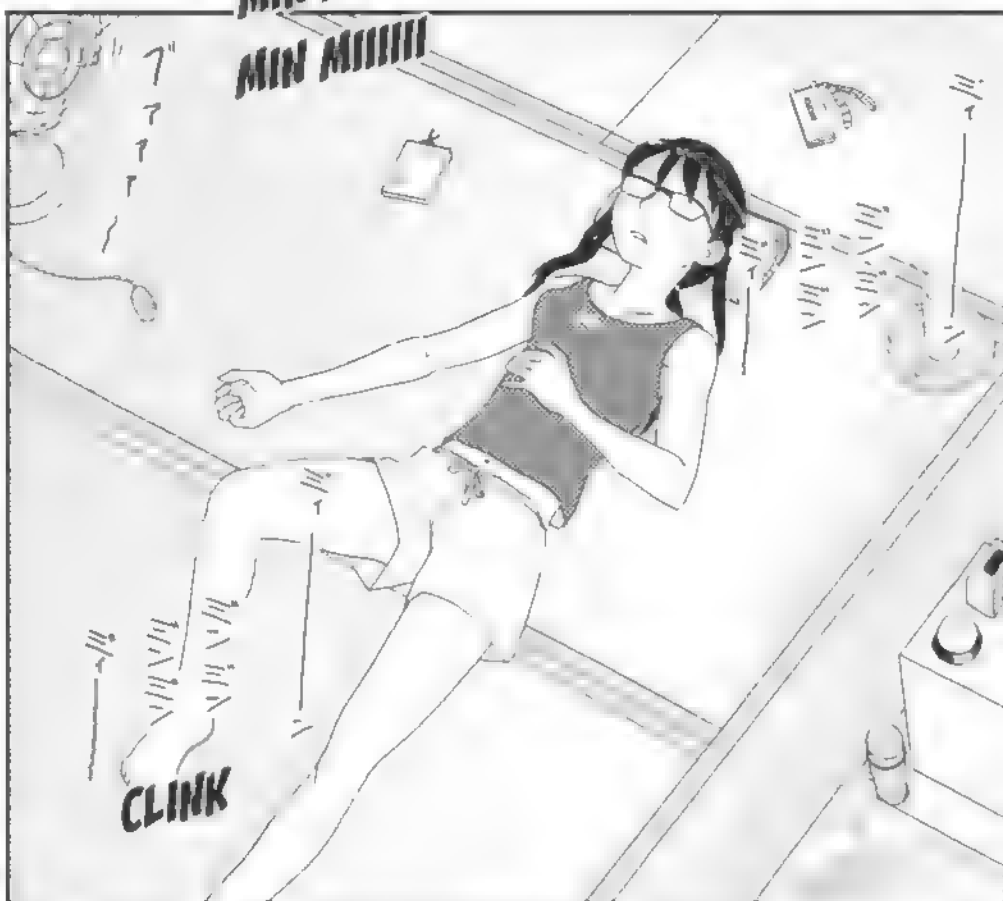
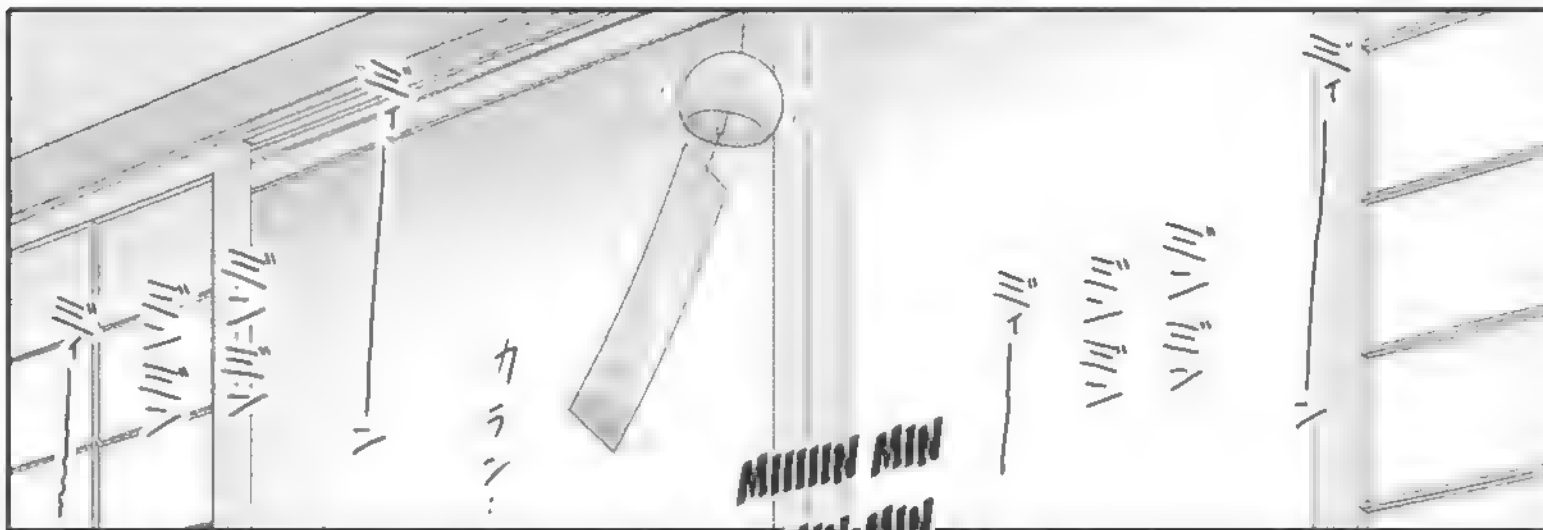
YEAHH.

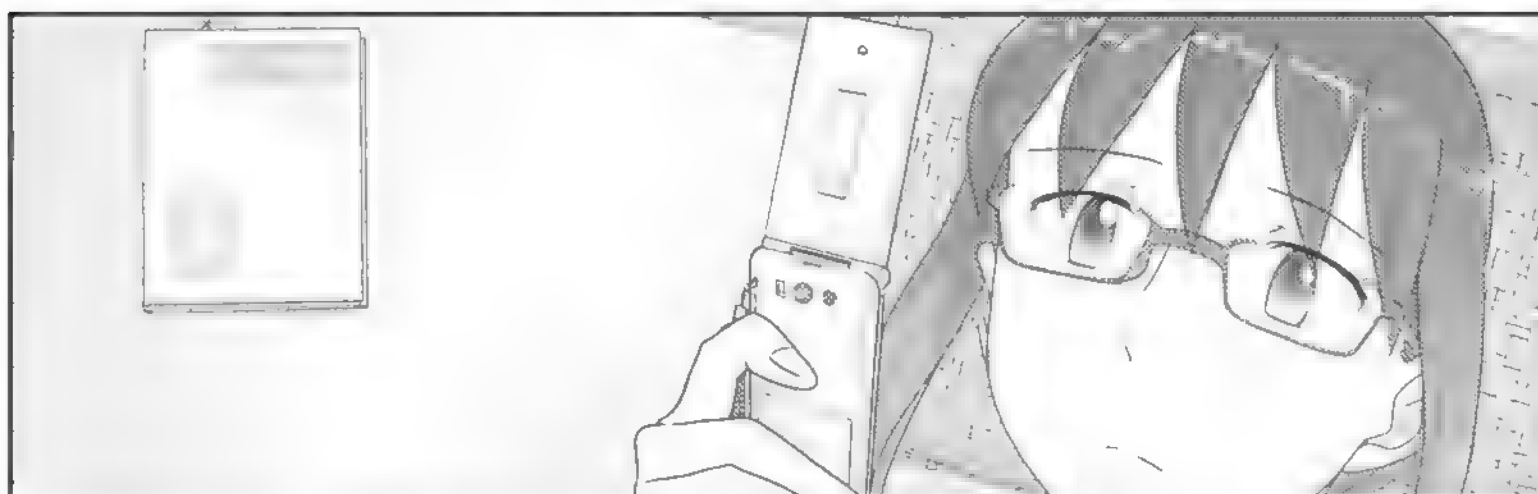
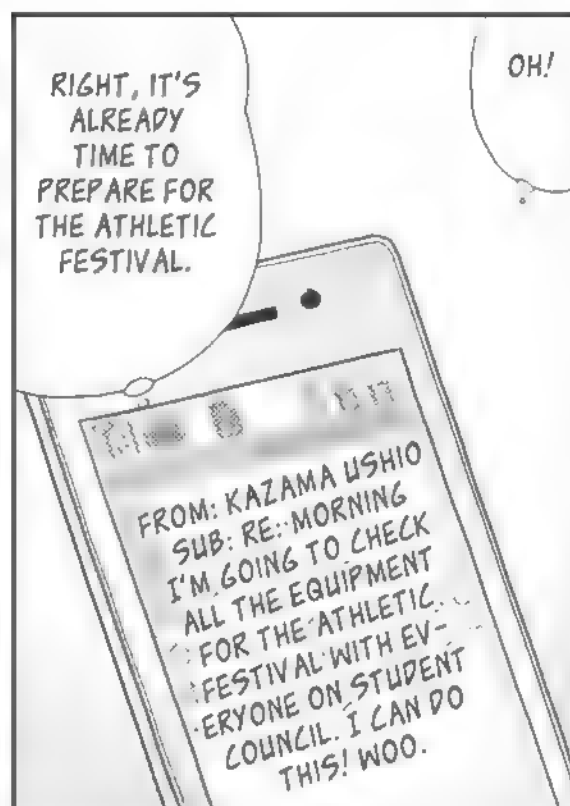


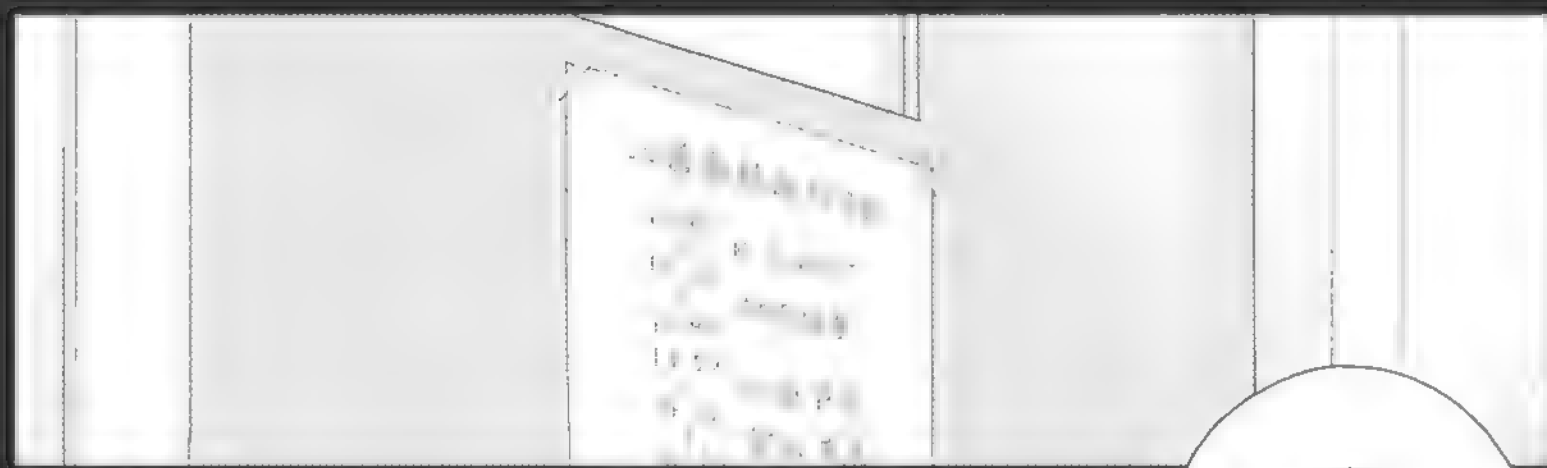
SO BEFORE
ONE KNOWS
IT, DAY
AFTER DAY
PASSES.

BUT THEN
NOTHING
EVER LASTS
FOREVER,









TO BE HONEST
I'M NOT SURE
YET...

SHOULD I
KNOW BY NOW
WHETHER I WANT
TO GO INTO
HUMANITIES OR
SCIENCE?

HAHA!
GREAT
NEWS.

SO SUMIKA,
WHERE DO
YOU WANT
TO GO?

IT ISN'T A
VACATION
DESTINA-
TION, DAD.
ケミカル
ケミカル

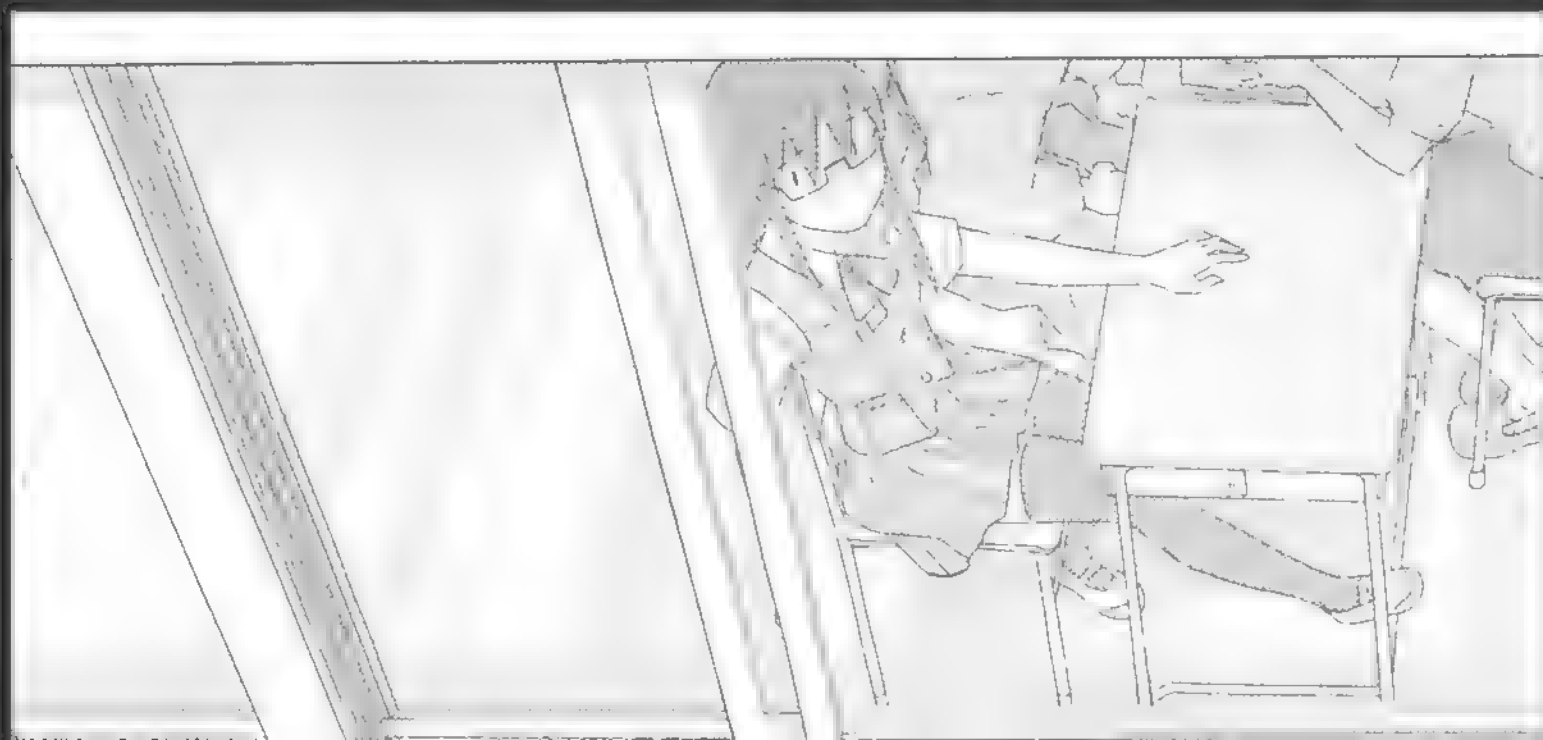
WELL,
WITH YOUR
DAUGHTER'S
GRADES, I
DON'T THINK
SHE HAS A
PROBLEM
AIMING
FOR ANY
SCHOOL SHE
WANTS.

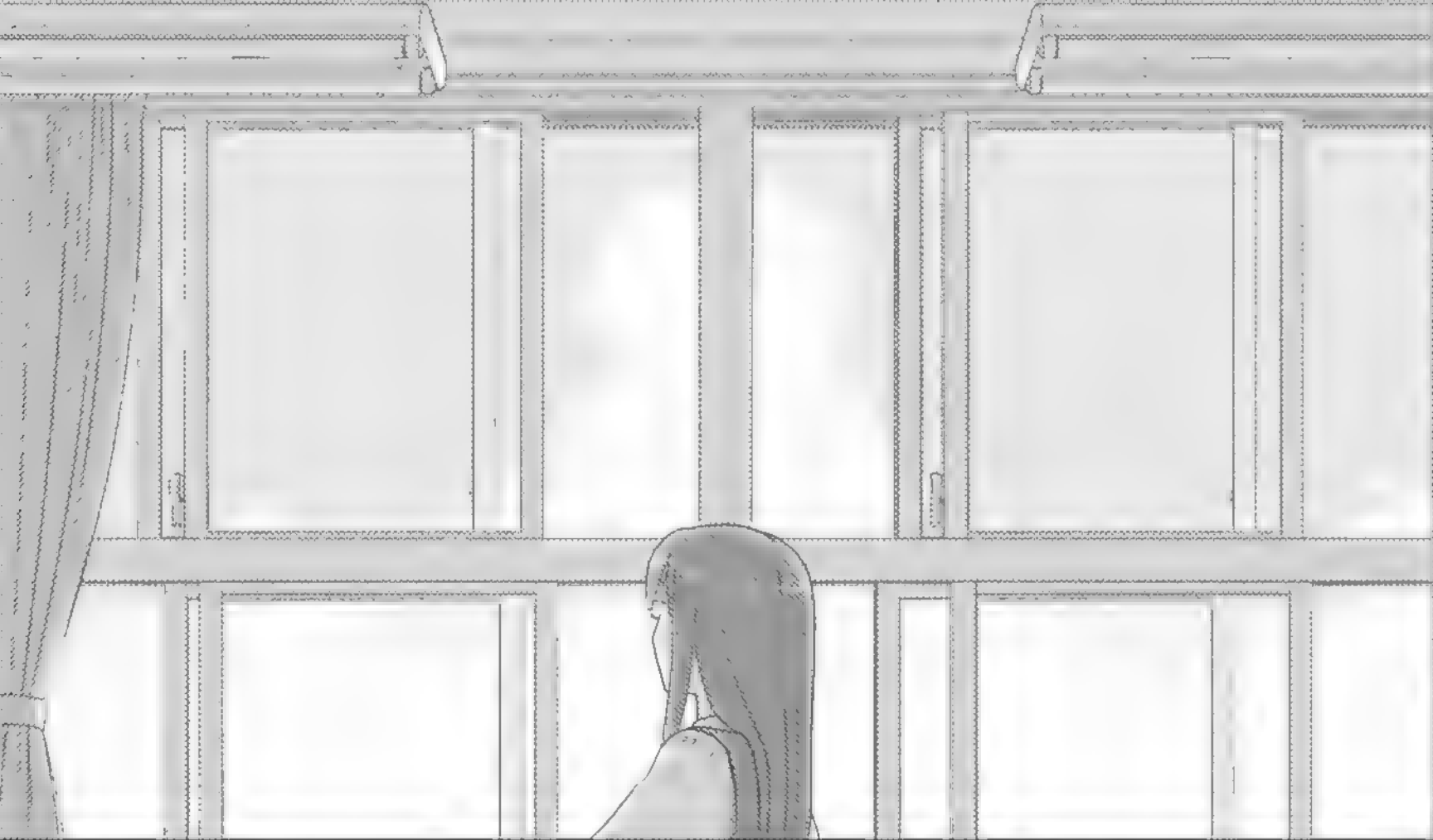
UM... I JUST
DID IT ON A
WHIM...

WHEN I
DECIDED
THAT...

YOU'VE DECIDED ON
THE HUMANITIES
TRACK FOR THE
SECOND-YEAR
CURRICULUM...

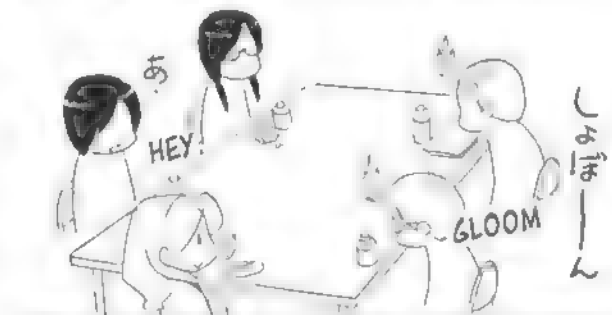
ALTHOUGH I
SUPPOSE IT'S
NOT
IMPOSSIBLE
TO CHANGE
IT.

















I WONDER
IF SOME-
THING'S
UP.

鬼気
迫る?
BLOOD-CURDLING?

SUMIKA IS
ON A ROLL
TODAY.

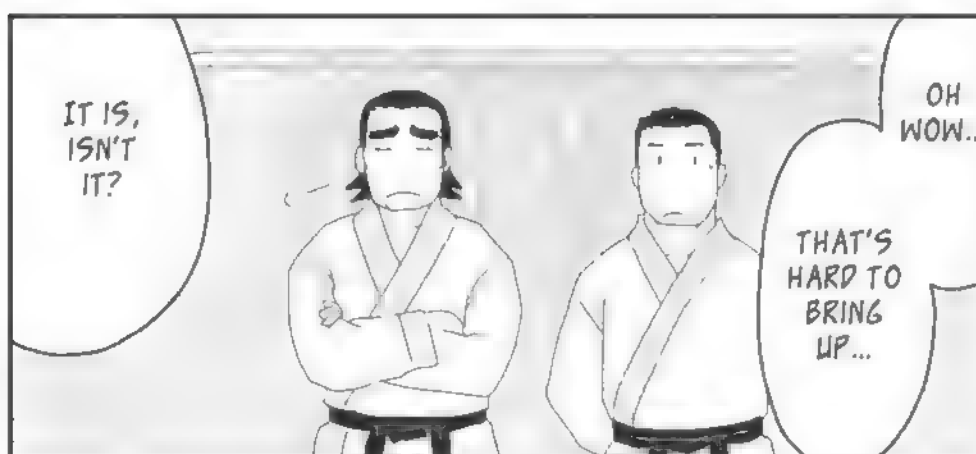
SHE IS BLOOD-
CURDLING.



ABOUT
THAT...

OH YEAH,
WHAT DOES
SUMIKA-SAN
THINK ABOUT
IN TERMS OF
HER FUTURE?

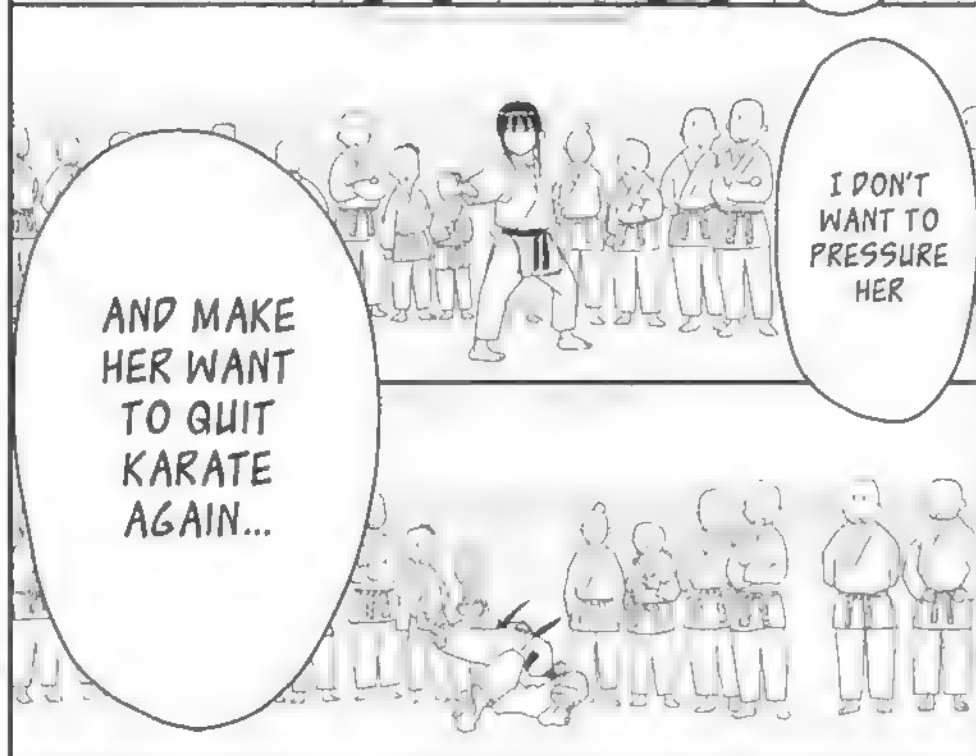
生徒会
選挙の...
SHE MUST
STILL BE
UPSET
ABOUT THE
ELECTION...



IT IS,
ISN'T
IT?

OH
WOW...

THAT'S
HARD TO
BRING
UP...



AND MAKE
HER WANT
TO QUIT
KARATE
AGAIN...

I DON'T
WANT TO
PRESSURE
HER



SINCE HER
THREE OLDER
BROTHERS
ARE SO
INCOMPE-
TENT,

I'D LIKE
HER TO
MARRY
SOMEONE
SO THAT HE
COULD TAKE
OVER THE
DOJO.





USUALLY AFTER
HE SUBMITS
HE SLEEPS LIKE
A BABY, SO I
THOUGHT WE
WERE SAFE!

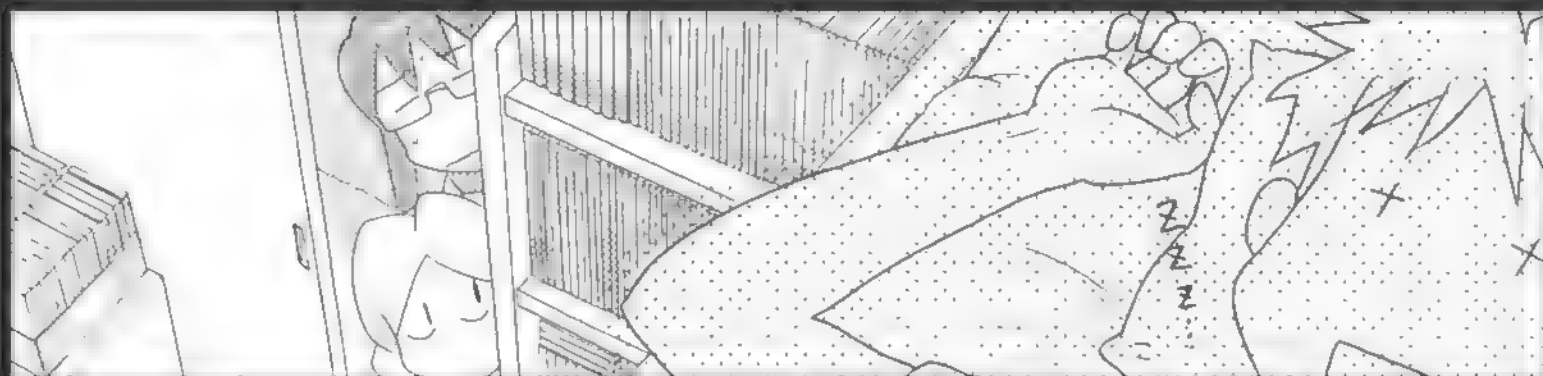
SORRY!!

WHY DIDN'T
YOU TELL
MEEE!

WHAT SHOULD
I DO? I HAVE
TO APOLOGIZE
LATER!

SO EMBAR-
RASSING!!

ハズカチ



SHUT

STILL FAST
ASLEEP


SO I GUESS
I'LL JUST
APOLOGIZE
ANOTHER
TIME...



THIS... THIS
DISTANCE.



AH.



BUT THE BELLS
RANG AND
I COULDN'T
REALLY HEAR...
WAIT, WHY AM I
FLASHBACK-
ING TO THAT
SCENE?!

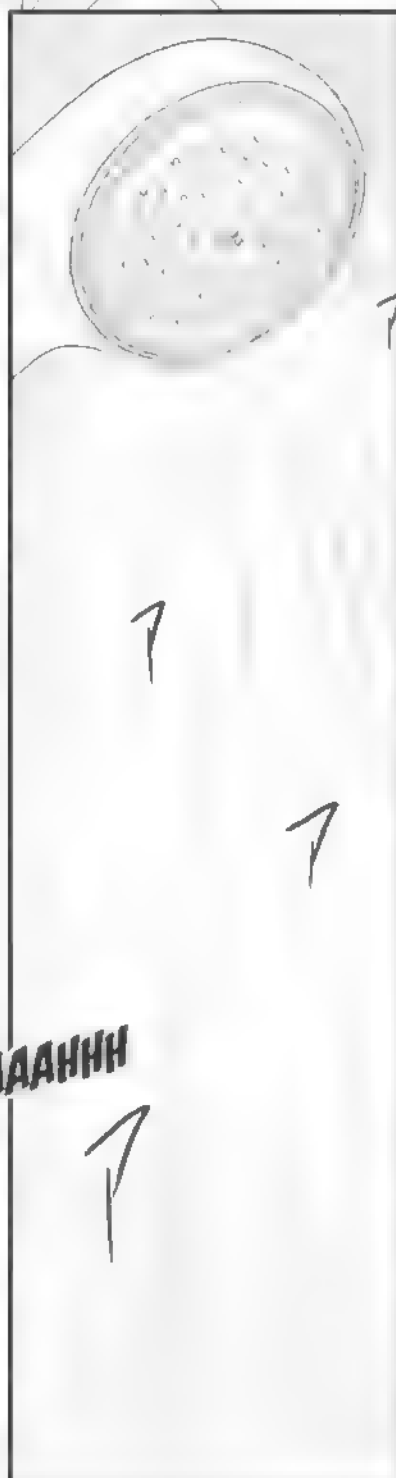
W... WAIT. IF
I REMEMBER
CORRECTLY,
I THOUGHT I
HEARD "I LOVE
YOU" THAT
TIME...





SUMIKA
IZ DOWN!

スミカ
ダラケテル
デスノ

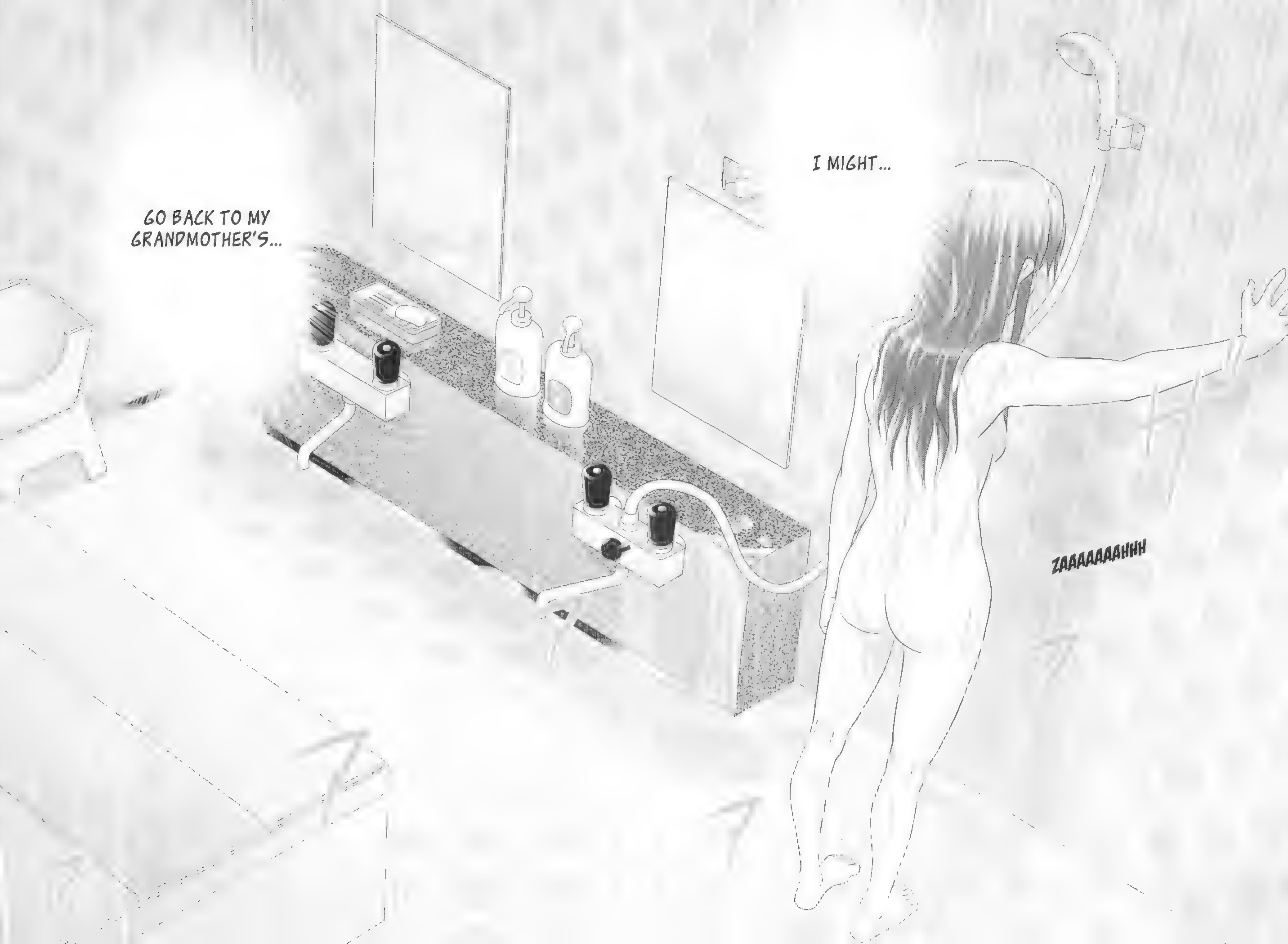


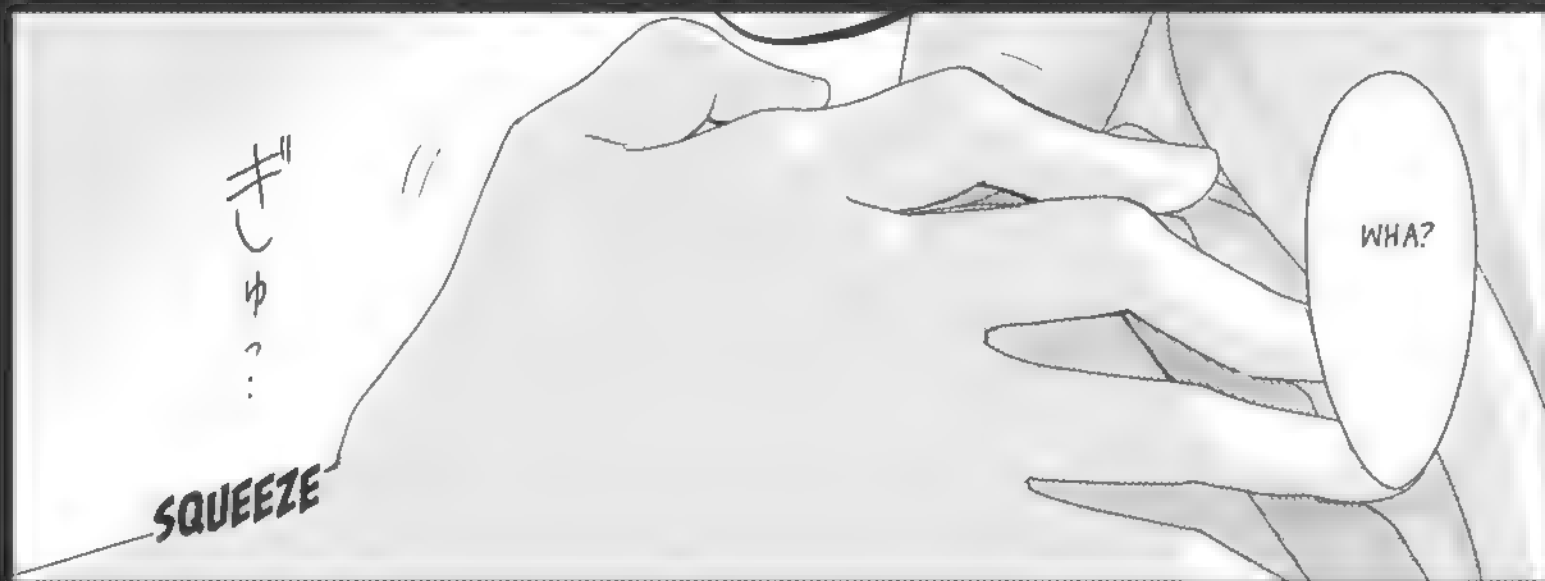
ZAAAAAAHHH

GO BACK TO MY
GRANDMOTHER'S...

I MIGHT...

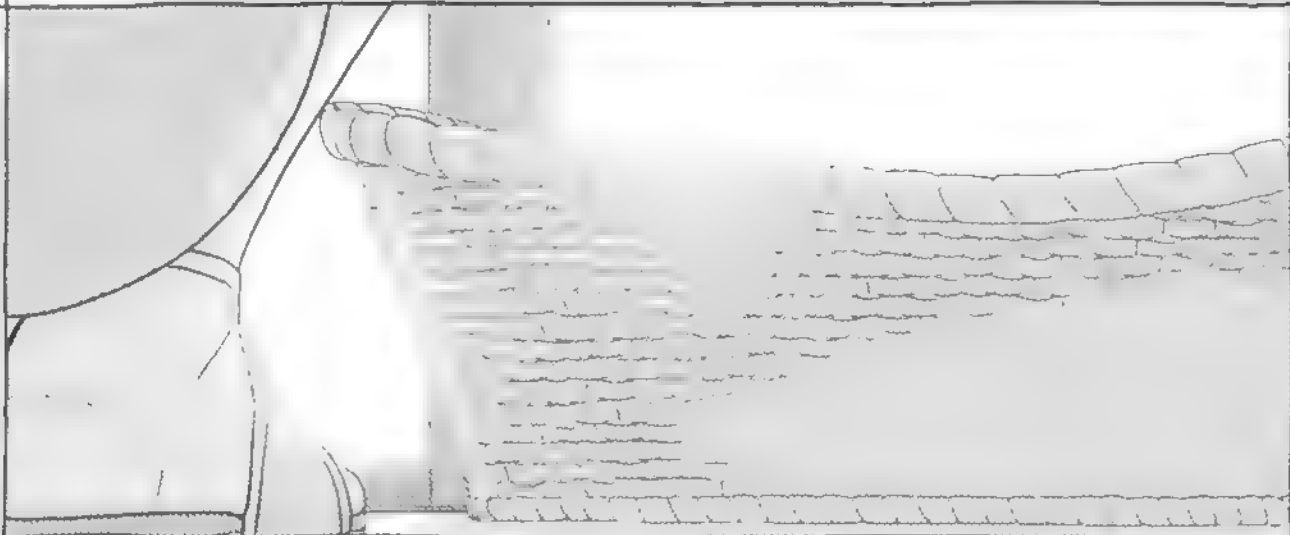
ZAAAAAAHHH





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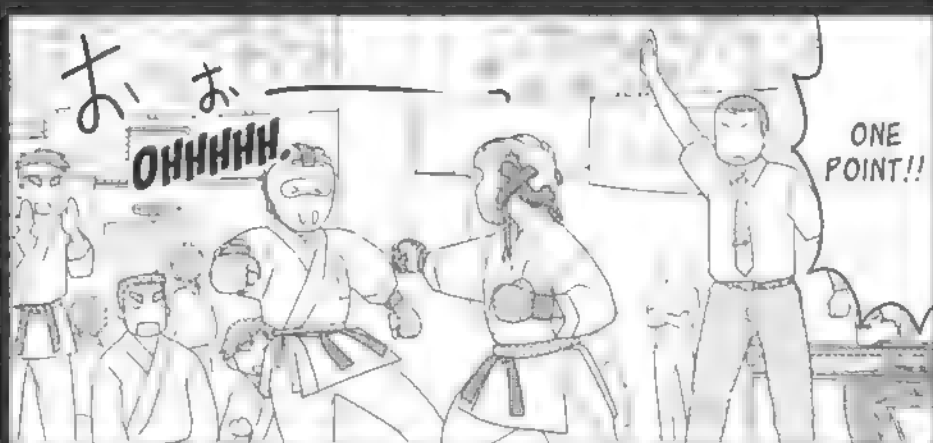
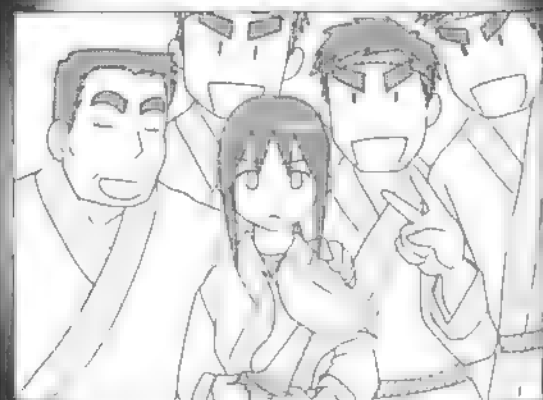
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I THOUGHT
I COULD DO
ANYTHING.



WHEN I WAS
YOUNG, I
HAD A LOT OF
CONFIDENCE IN
MYSELF.

EVEN THOUGH
MY FATHER
RAISED ME
STRICT, SINCE
I WAS THE
DAUGHTER OF
THE DOJO-
MASTER,
THE ADULTS
AROUND
ME ALWAYS
SPOILED ME.

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は界
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ぎ
天
才
の
子
だ
ね
THIS GIRL'S
A PRODIGY

SHE'S
GOING TO
BE WORLD-
FAMOUS.

すや
に
あ
AMAZING!

I WAS ALWAYS
ABLE TO DO
MOST THINGS
BETTER THAN
PEOPLE MY
AGE OR EVEN
ADULTS.

I CAN'T
REMEMBER
WHAT CAME
FIRST...

ねーすか
WOW!

ねーすか
HEHE

ワス
ワス

わはははは
WAHAHAHA

I THINK MURASAME-SAN SHOULD BE CLASS PRESIDENT.

I THINK
MURASAME-
SAN SHOULD
BE CLASS
PRESIDENT.

KIDS
WEREN'T
AS FIL-
TERED.

BUT
WHILE AT
SCHOOL,

Ummm

I BEGAN
TO LOOK
DOWN ON
THE OTHER
GIRLS.

BEFORE I
KNEW IT, I
WAS OUT OF
THE CIRCLE.

AND I
THOUGHT
I'D STAY
SPECIAL
FROM NOW
ON TOO...

I DIDN'T
THINK THERE
WAS ANY-
THING WRONG
WITH THAT.

I WAS
SPECIAL,
AFTER
ALL.



I WAS
ABLE TO

ACCOMPLISH
ANYTHING.

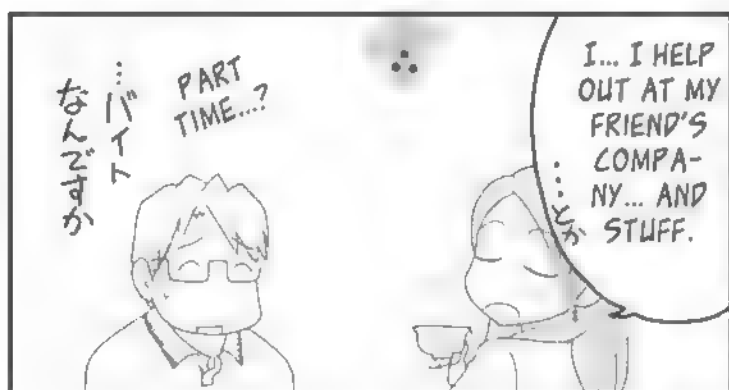
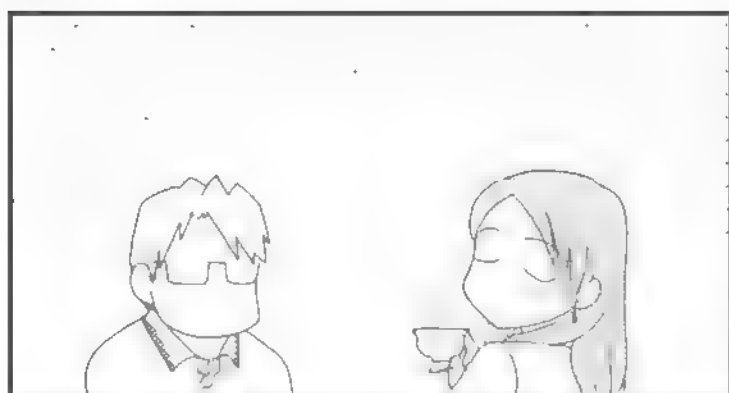
BEFORE
I MET
KAZAMA...

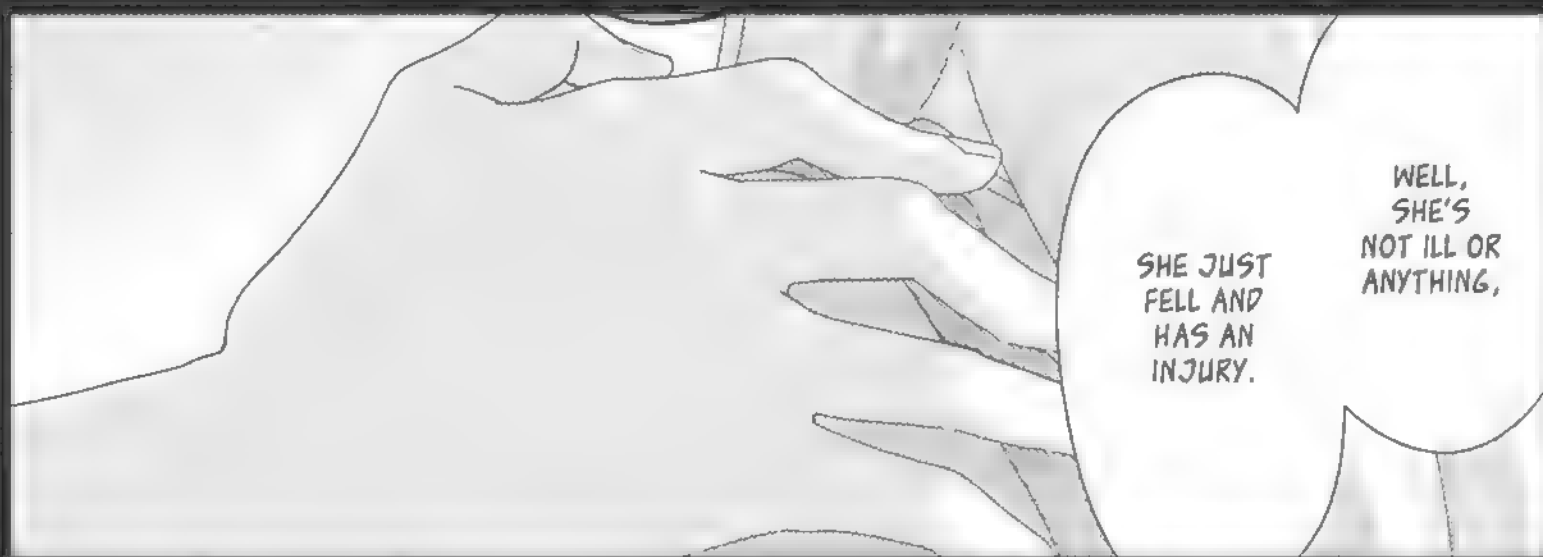
part forty-six

-summer vacation together

part 2 ~







SHE JUST
FELL AND
HAS AN
INJURY.

WELL,
SHE'S
NOT ILL OR
ANYTHING,



UH, BU..
BUT.

OH...

IT DOESN'T
MEAN
IT'S BEEN
DECIDED
YET! IT'S
JUST THAT
IT MIGHT
HAPPEN.



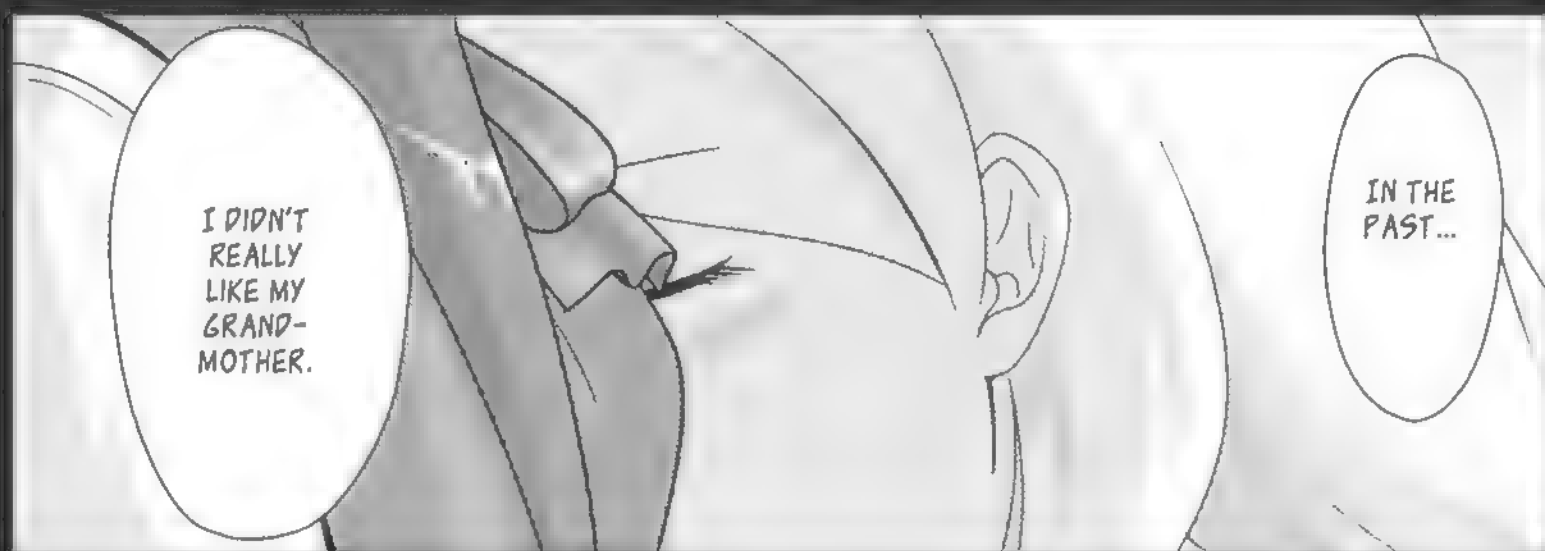
MY
GRAND-
MA'S
PAST 70
ALREADY,
SO

MAYBE
SOMEONE
SHOULD
STAY WITH
HER.



I MEAN, MY GRANDMA USED
TO BE A SCHOOLTEACHER SO
SHE HAS HIGH SPIRITS
AND HOPEFULLY SHE'LL
JUST GET BETTER.

AND ANYWAY,
IT'S ONLY 2, 3
HOURS BY TRAIN,
SO IF WE WANT
TO MEET UP WE
CAN
ALWAYS...





HM?

I DON'T
WANT
TO BE
APART
FROM
YOU,

SUMI-
CHAN.



OH.

WHERE'S
CHA-KO?



SHE WAS
IN AN
ACCIDENT
AND...

LAST
MONTH.



IT WAS
AFTER I
CAME BACK
THAT I
FOUND OUT
SHE WAS
RUN OVER
BY A CAR.

WELL, SHE
DISAP-
PEARED 2
OR 3 DAYS
BEFORE
THAT BUT

WAS
THAT

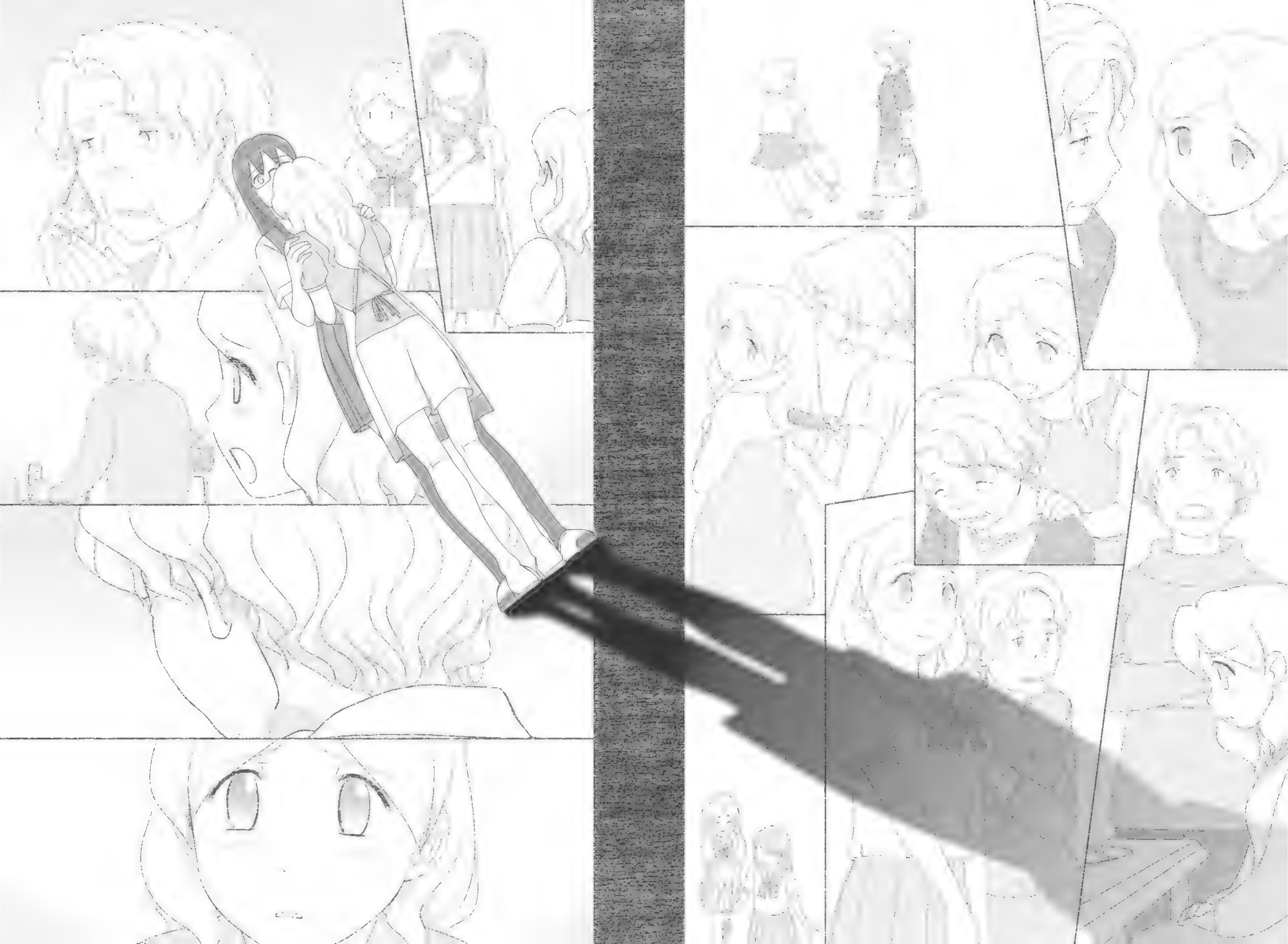
BEFORE
YOU
CAME
OVER
LAST
TIME?



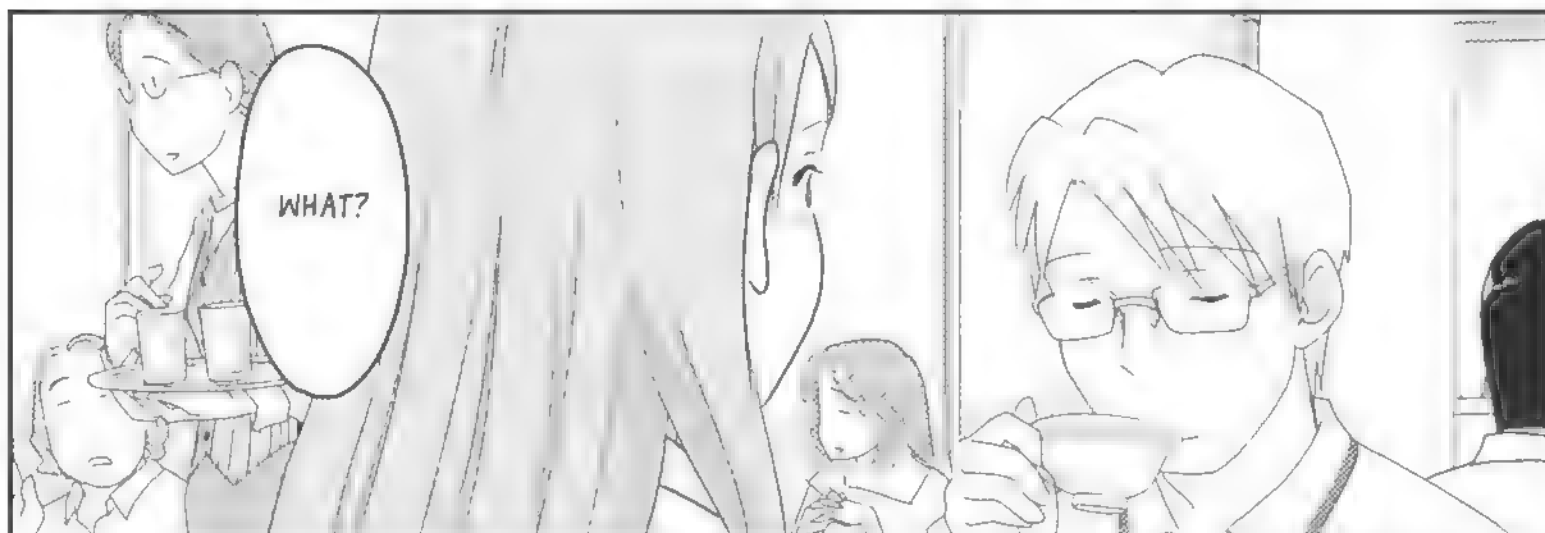
AND
BESIDES,
I'M USED
TO PEOPLE
GOING
BEFORE
ME...

SHE WAS
ONLY A
CAT, AFTER
ALL THEY
DON'T LIVE
VERY LONG,
ANYWAY...

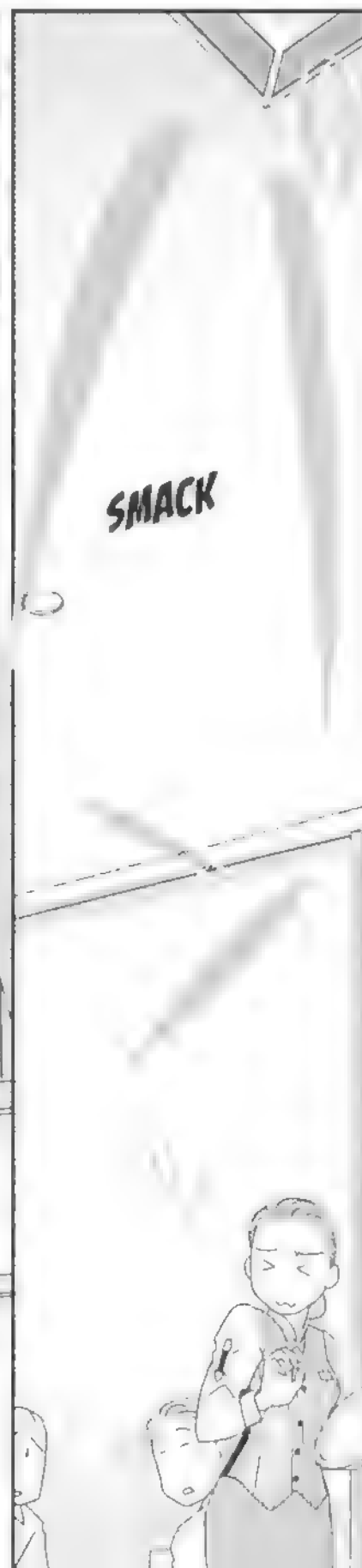
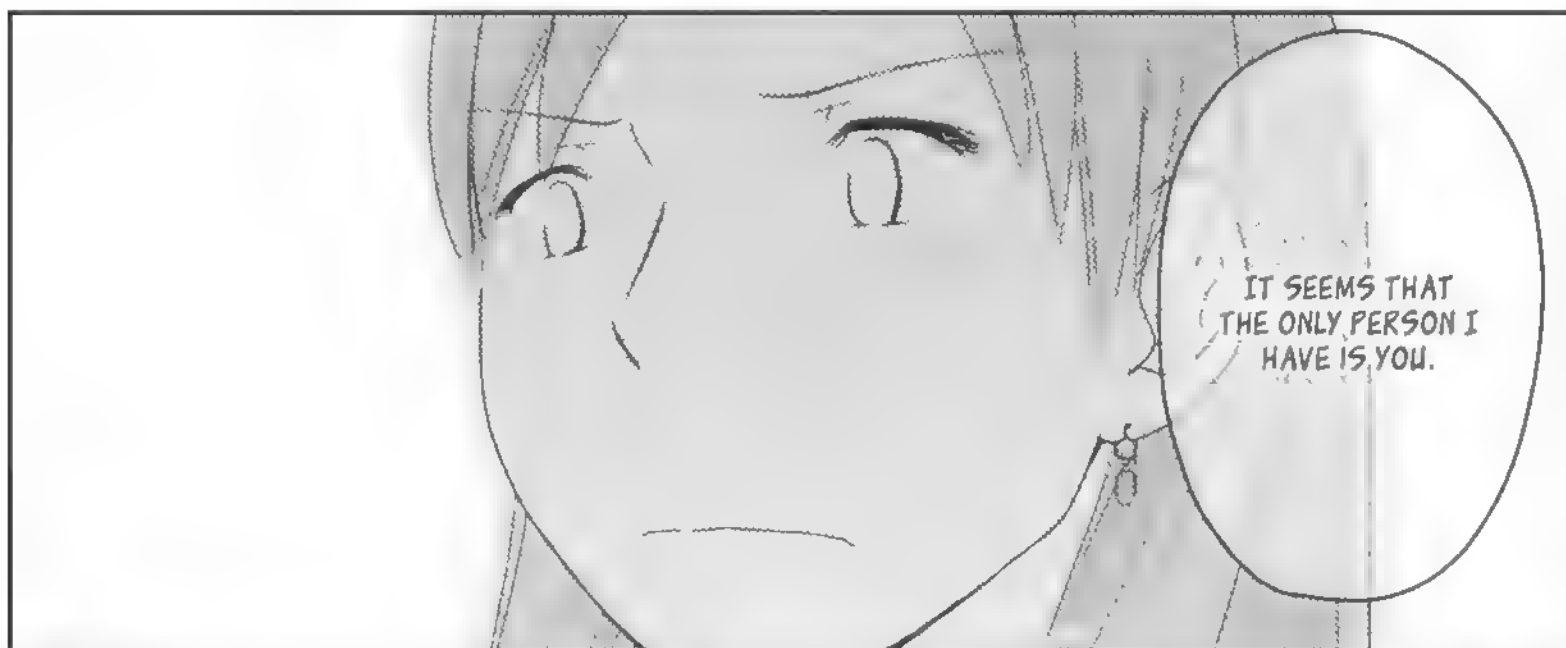


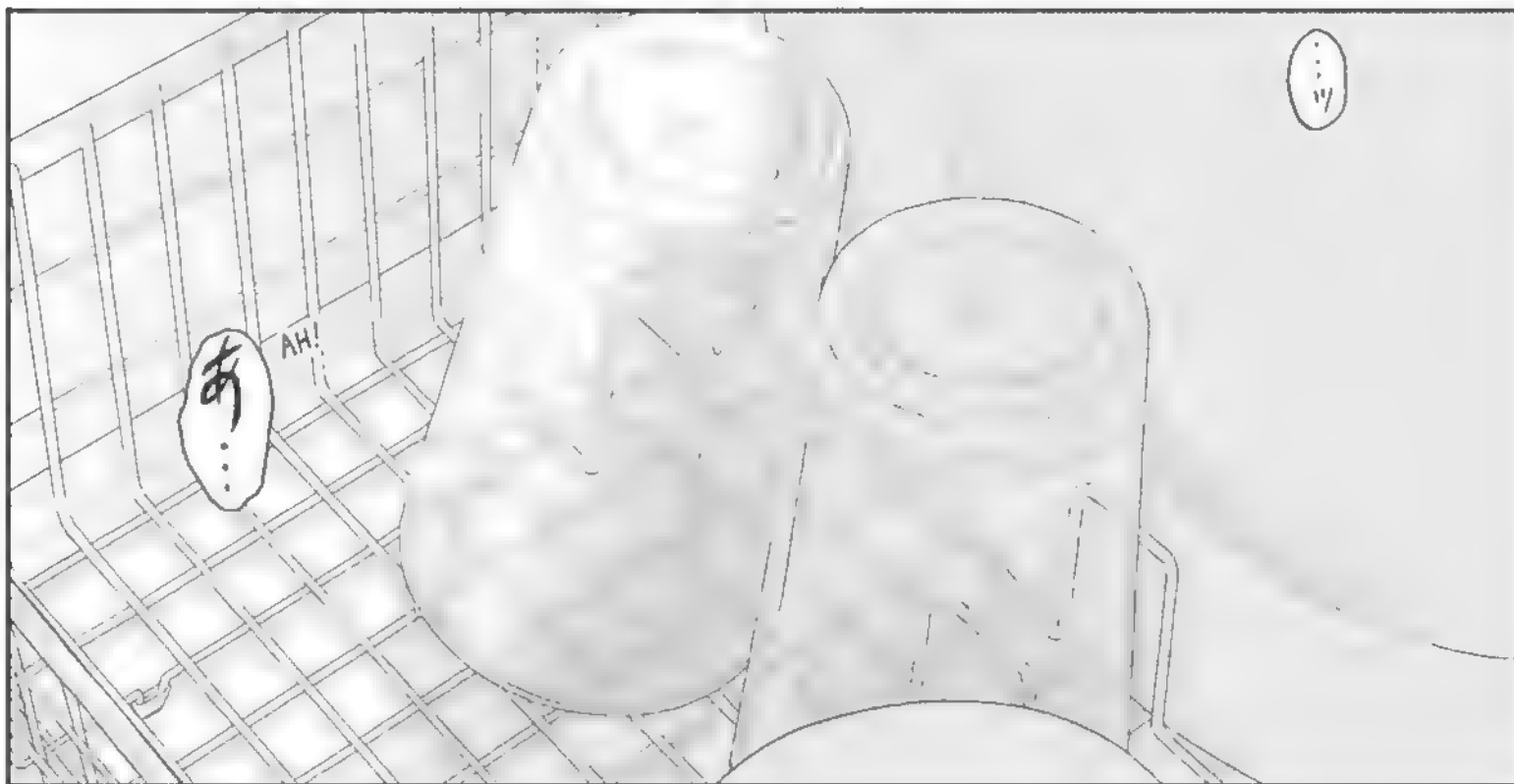
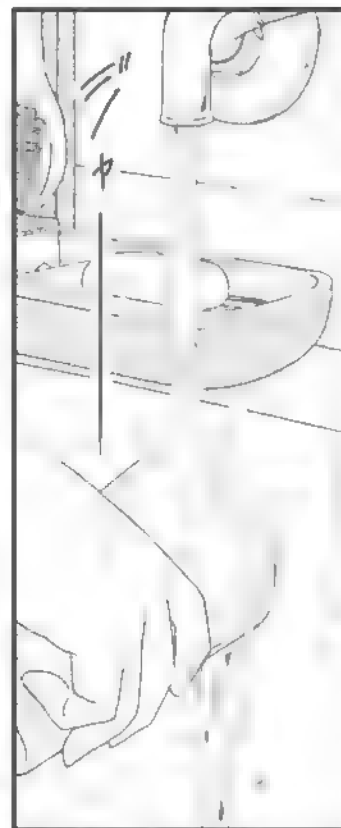


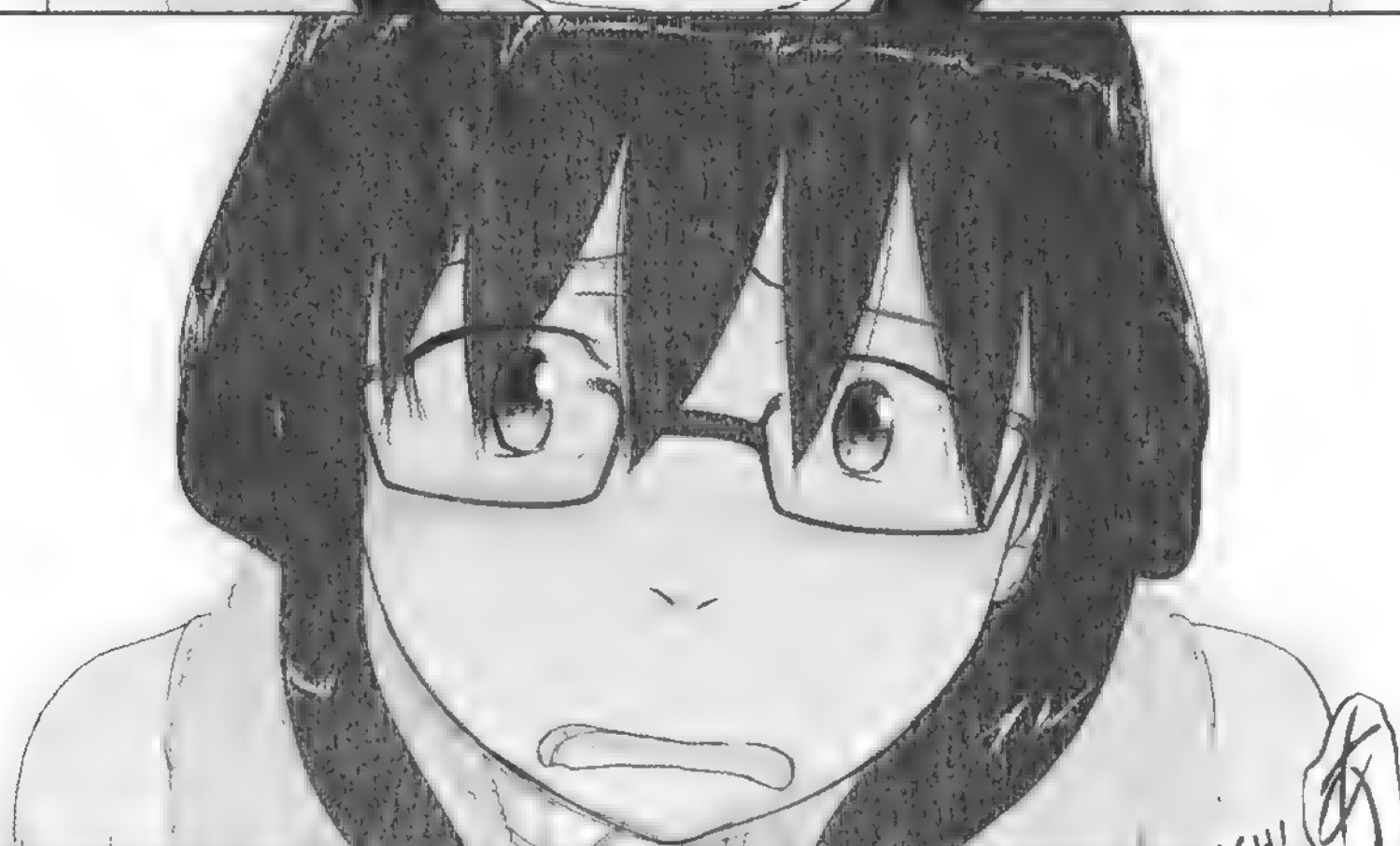




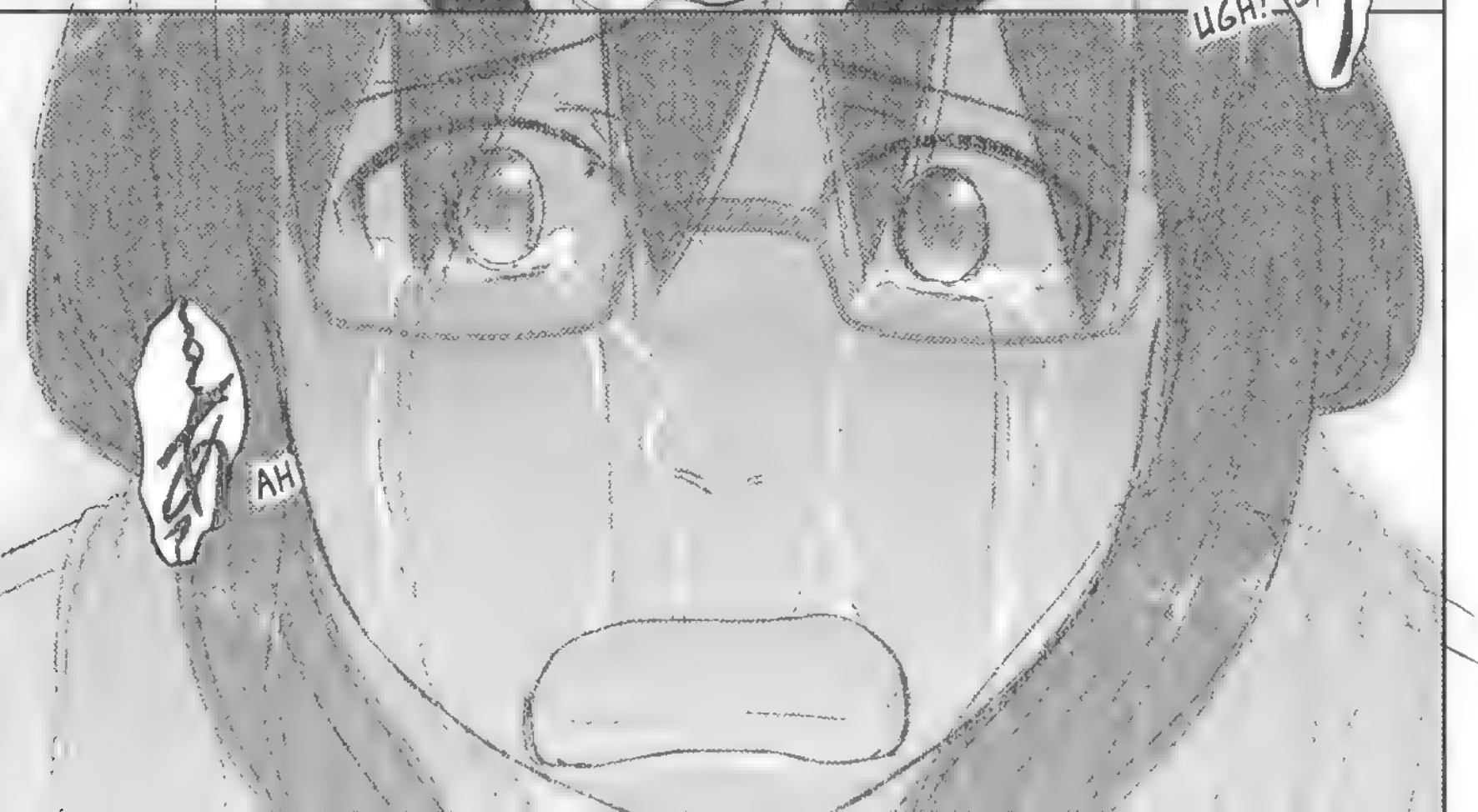








UGH!

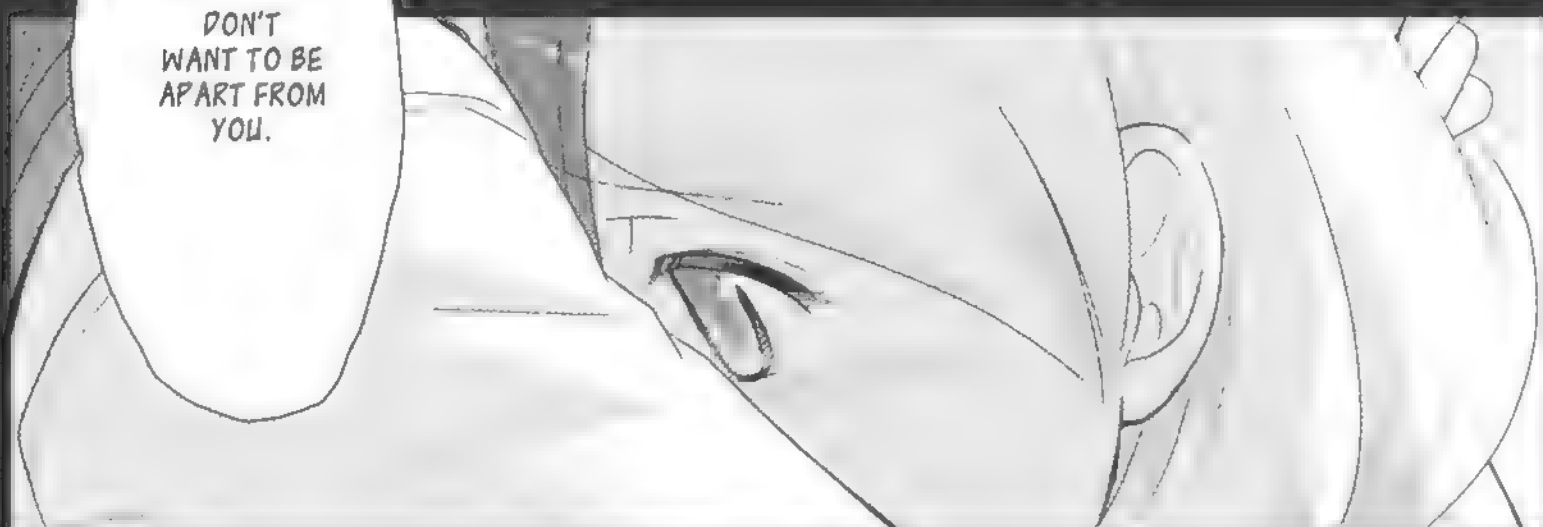
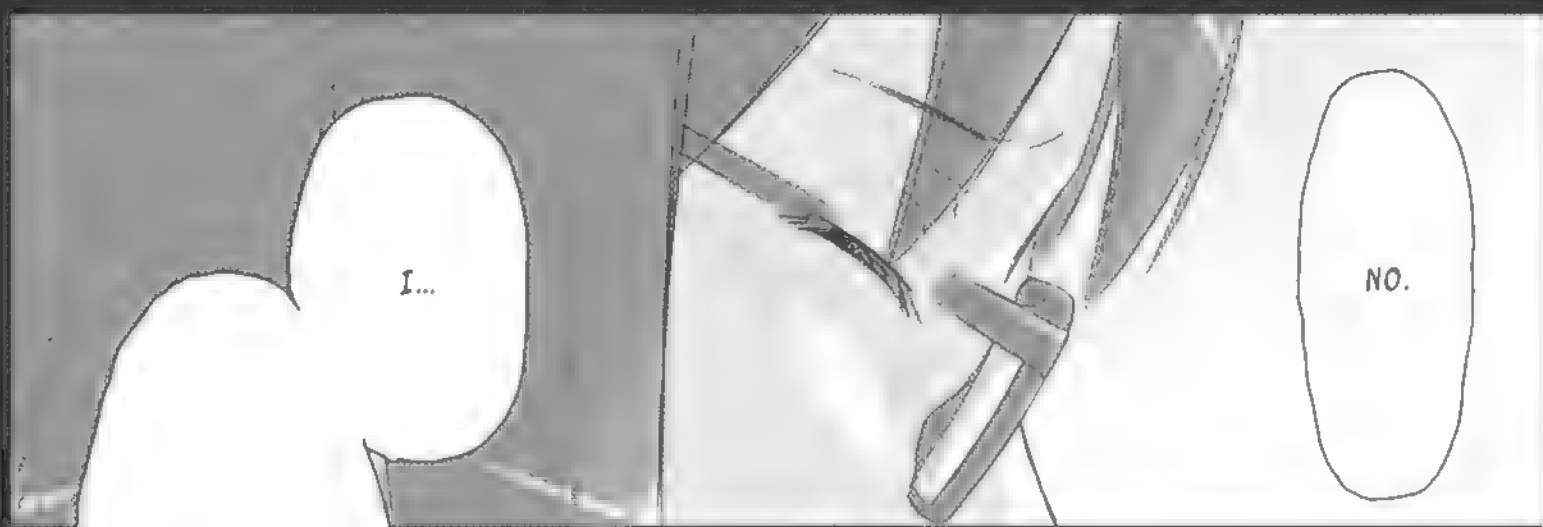


AH



NO!

THAT'S NOT
OKAY!







I LOVE YOU,
KAZAMA.

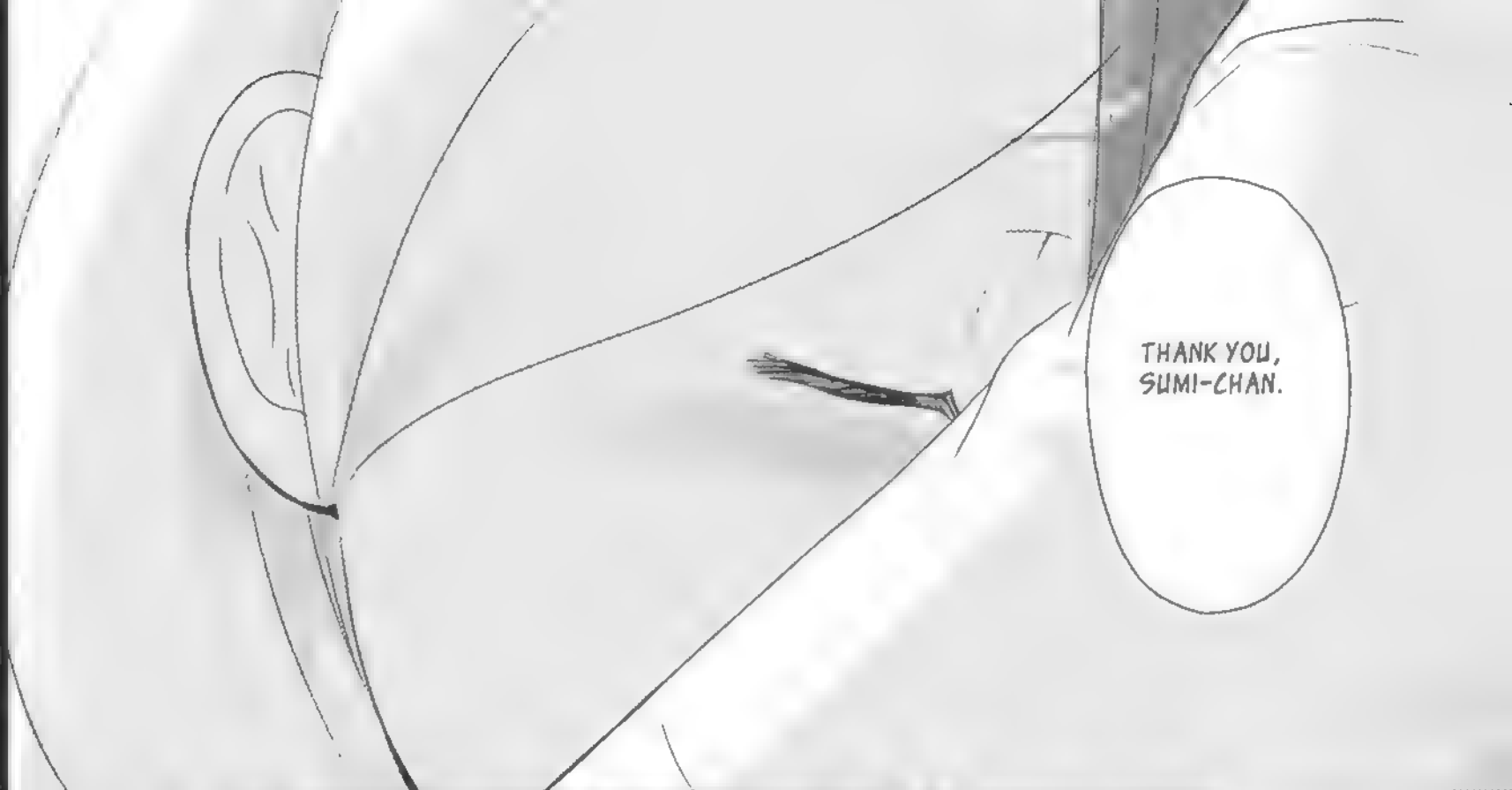
I LOVE
YOU.



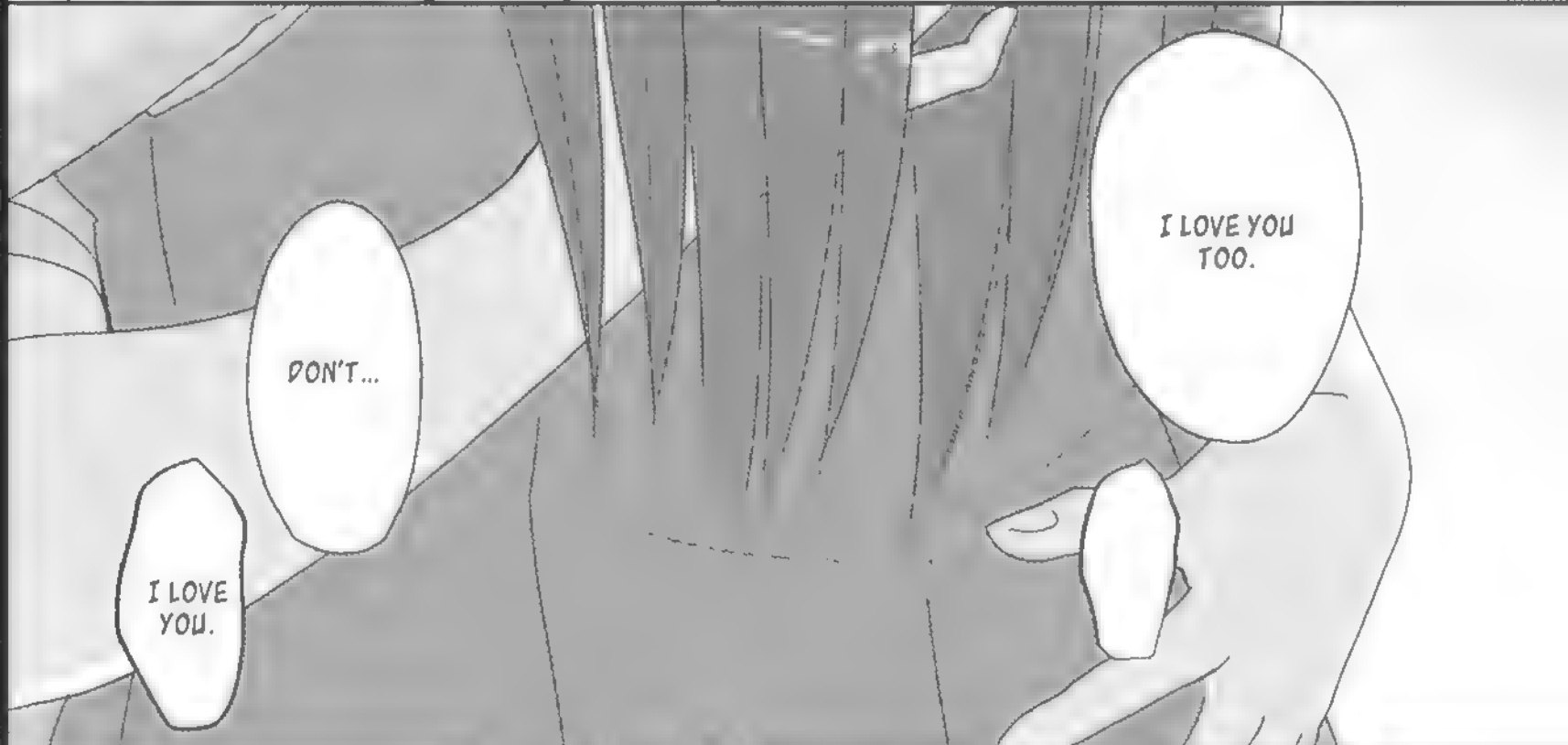
YOU,
KAZAMA.

SO
PLEASE...

I REALLY
DO.



THANK YOU,
SUMI-CHAN.



I LOVE YOU
TOO.

DON'T...

I LOVE
YOU.



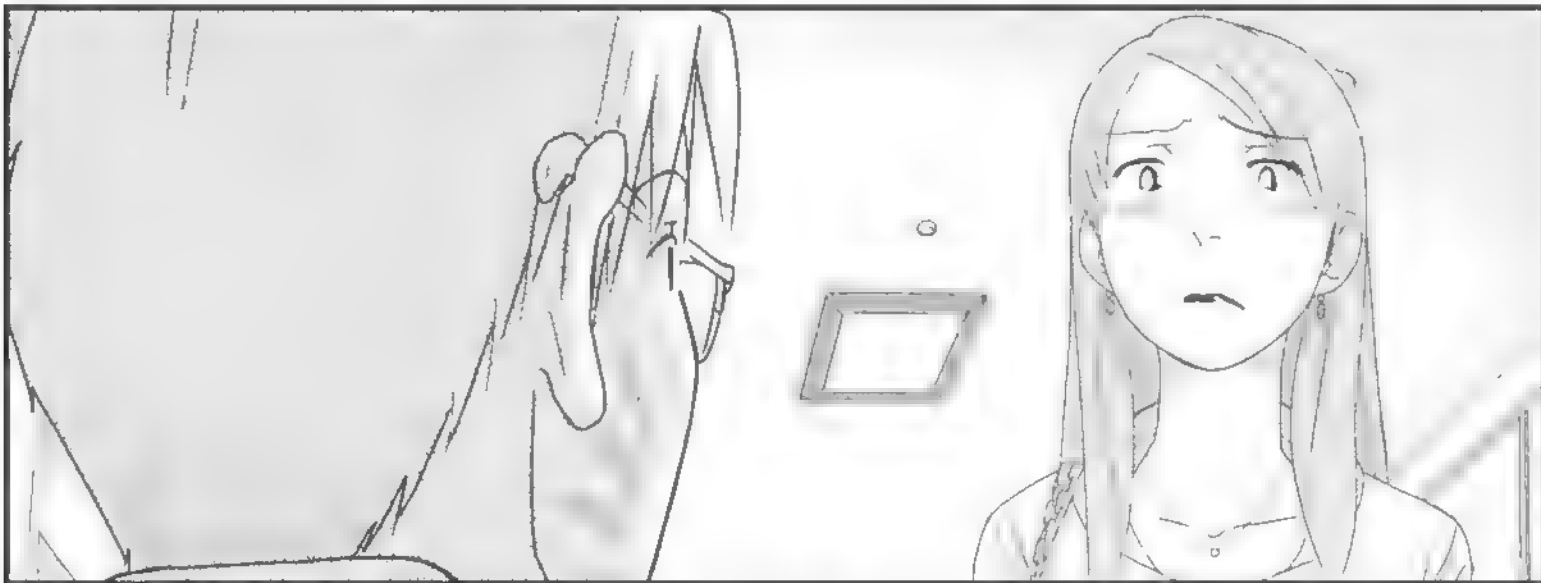
DON'T...
NO.

DON'T...

SO I'M
SORRY.



PLEASE
DON'T
GO!!



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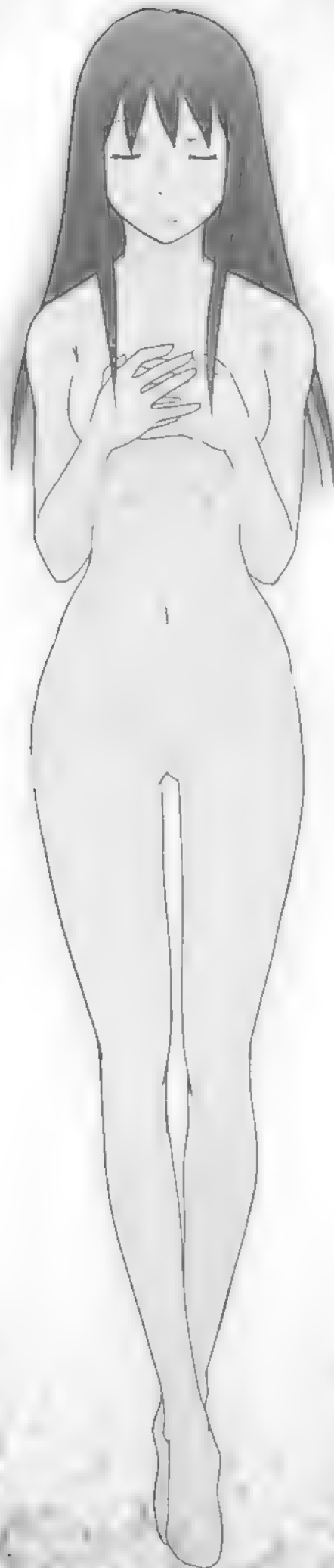
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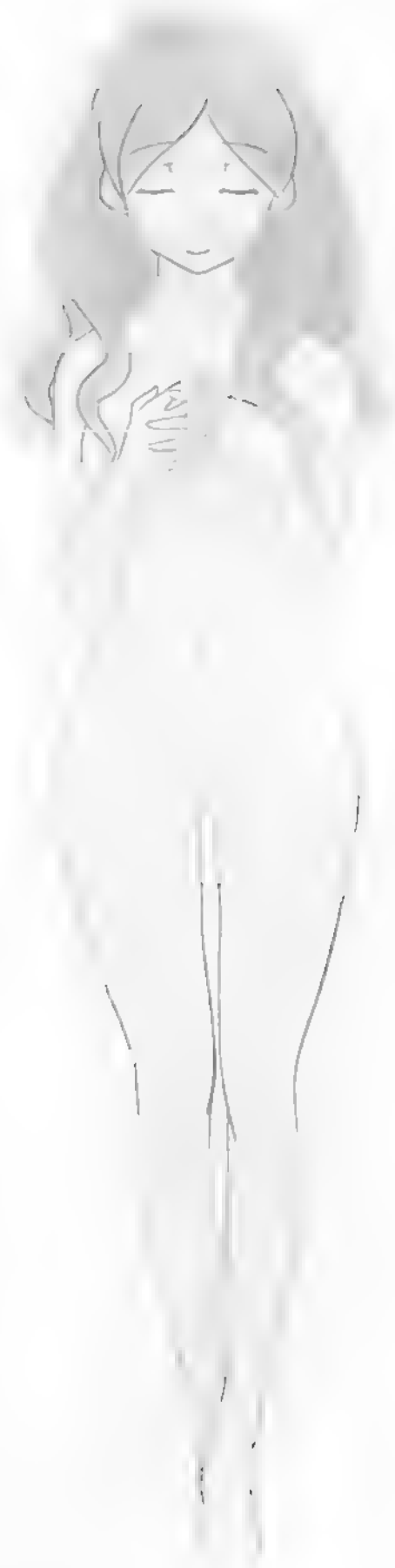




I REALLY DO
LOVE YOU,
KAZAMA.

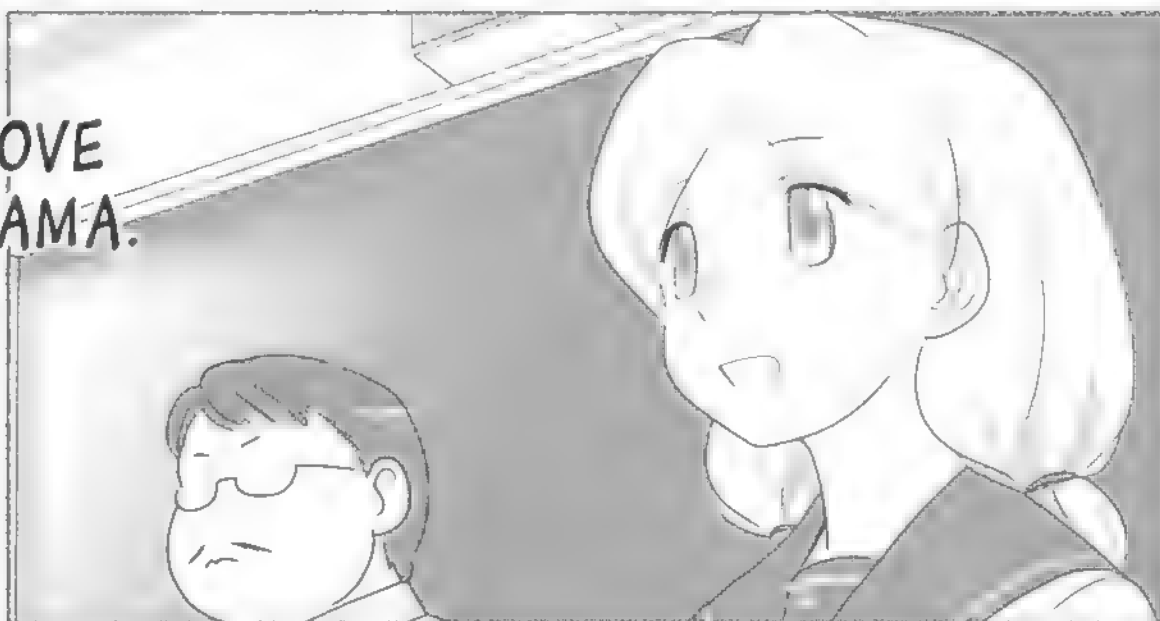
I LOVE YOU.



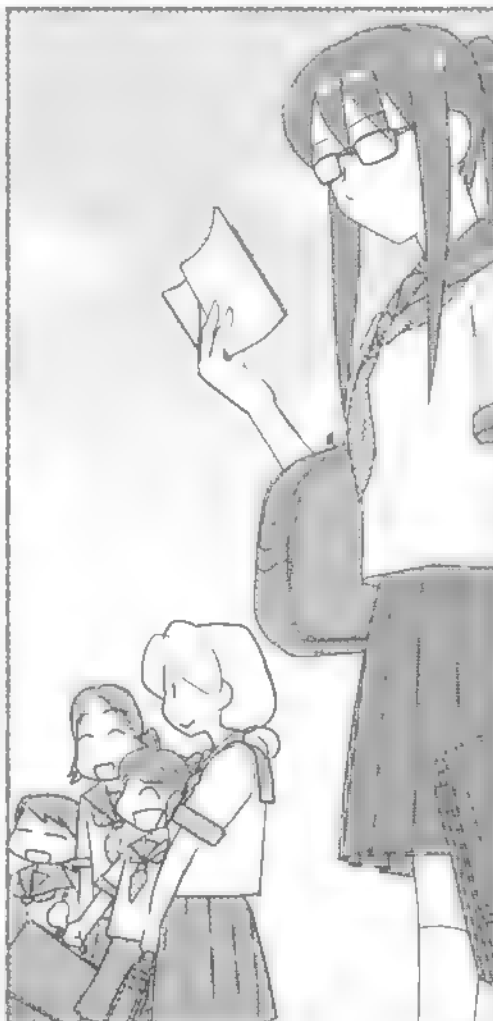
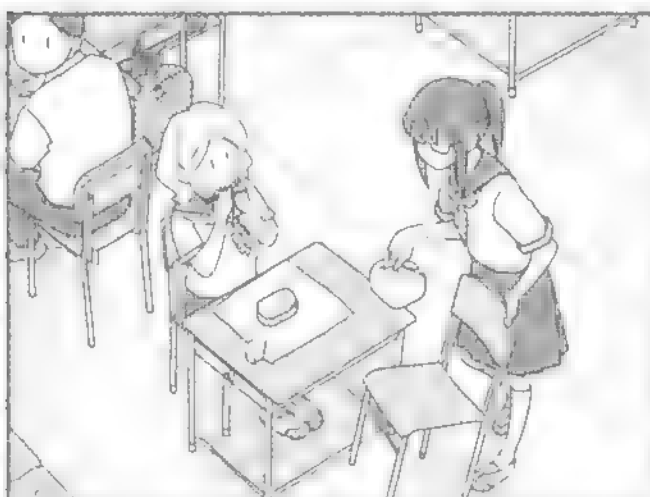
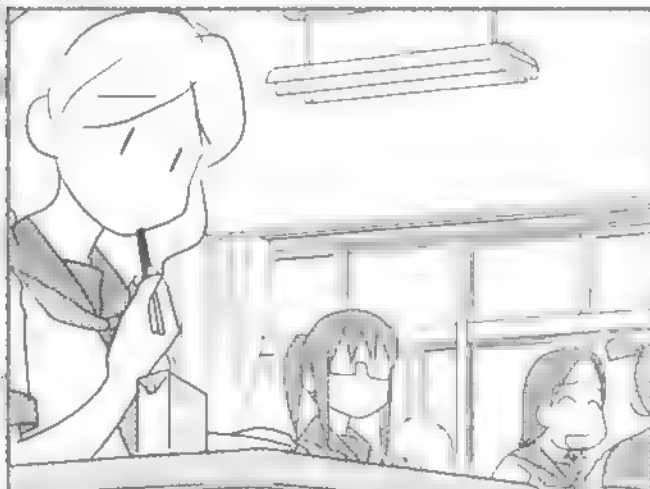


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I LOVE
KAZAMA.



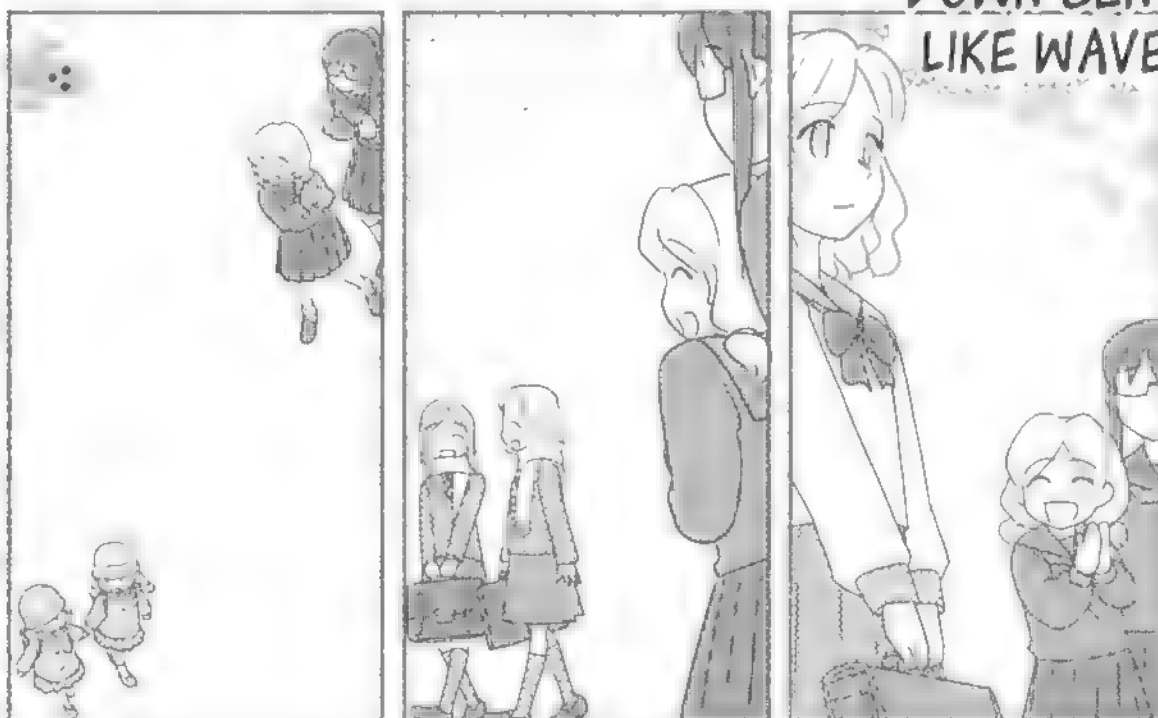
I LOVE
HER.



I LOVE THE
WAY SHE
DRAWS
PERFECT
ARCHES
FOR HER
EYEBROWS.



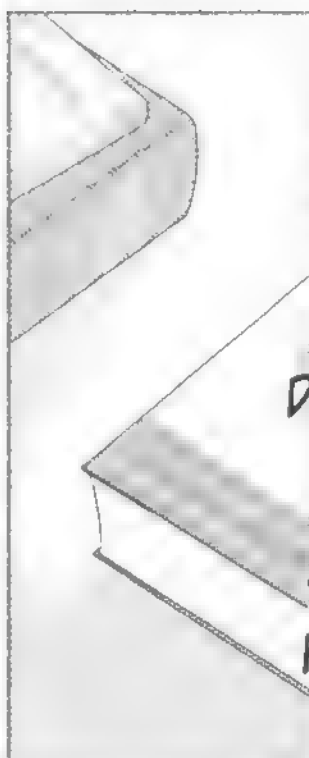
HER HAIR I
LOVE HER
CHESTNUT-
COLORED HAIR
TUMBLING
DOWN GENTLY
LIKE WAVES.



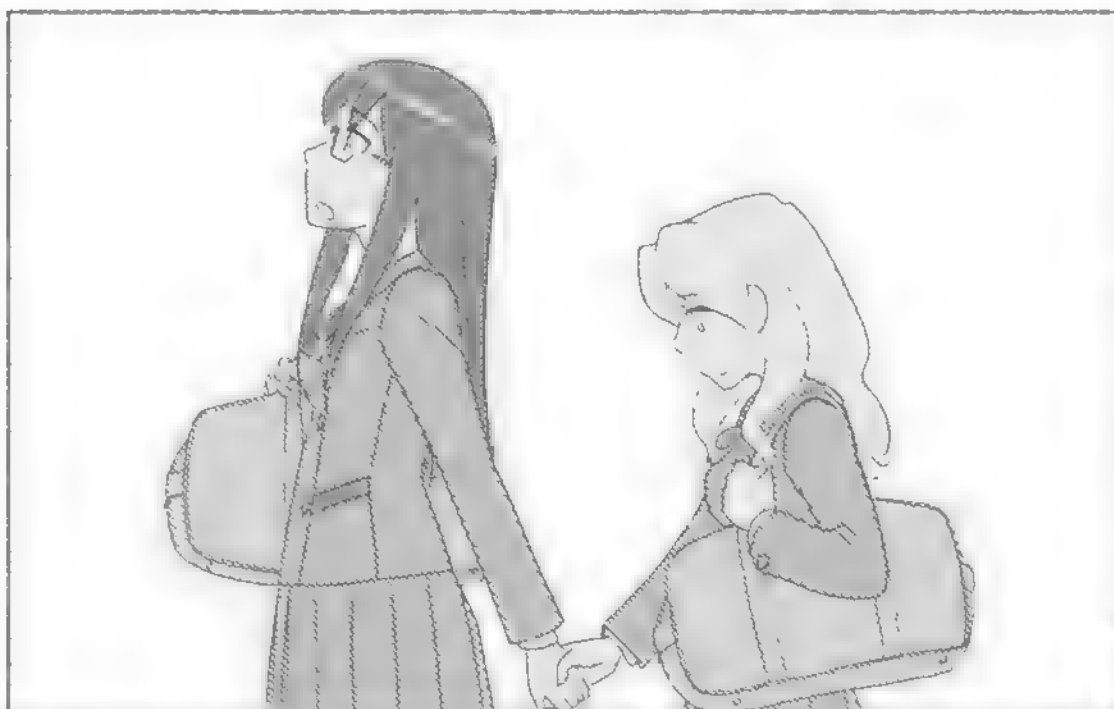
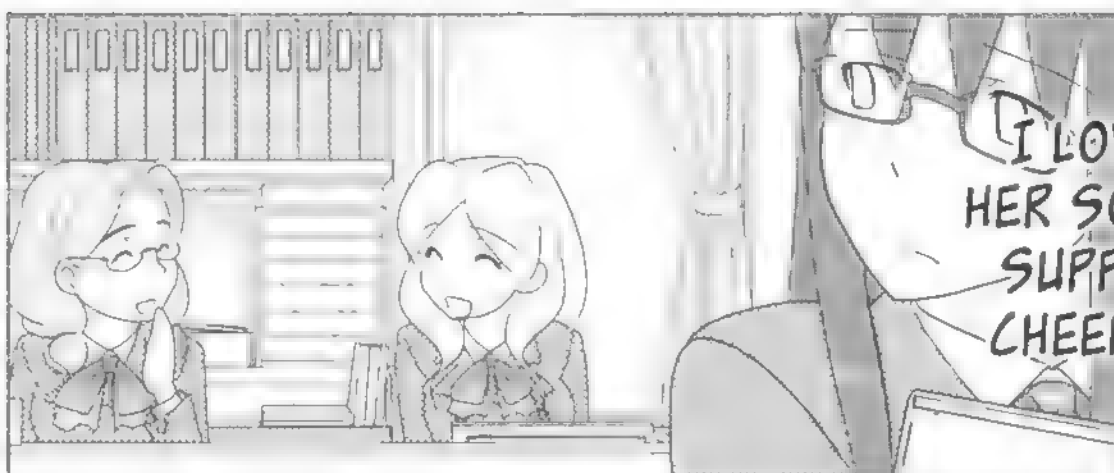
I LOVE HER
GLOSSY
LIPS THAT
SHE KEEPS
PARTED,
EVER SO
SLIGHTLY.



HER BIG
EYES.
I LOVE
THOSE
DEEP EYES
THAT
ALMOST
SUCK ME
RIGHT IN.



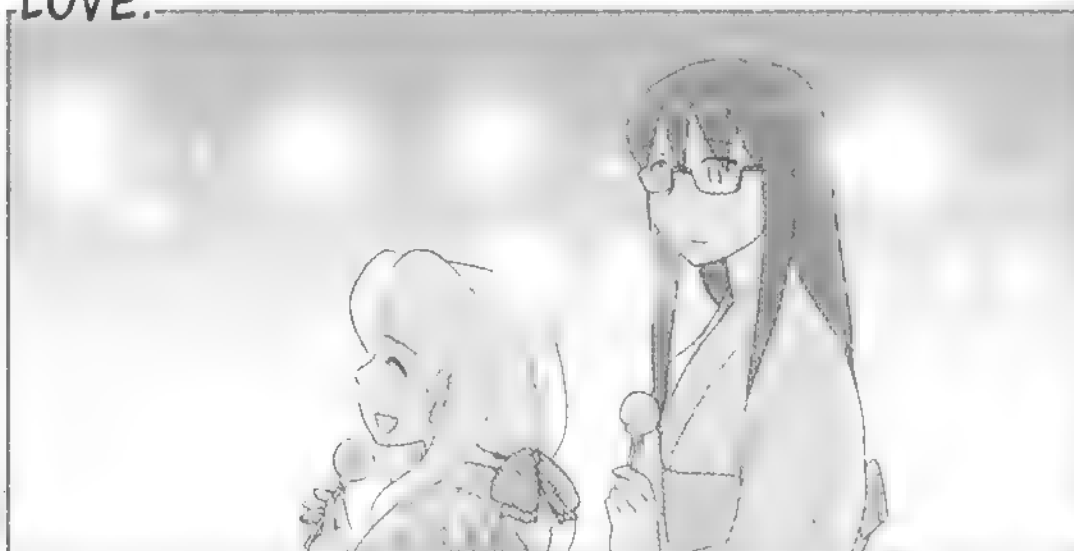
I LOVE HOW
TRANS-
PARENTLY
WHITE THE
NAPE OF
HER NECK
IS.



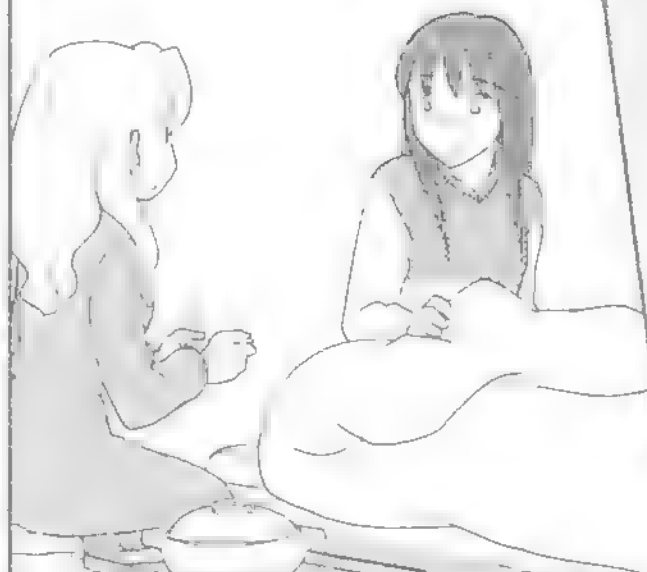
HER GENTLE,
FULL BREASTS
AND HER
STRAIGHT
BACK CREATE
THAT PERFECT
SILHOUETTE
THAT I LOVE.



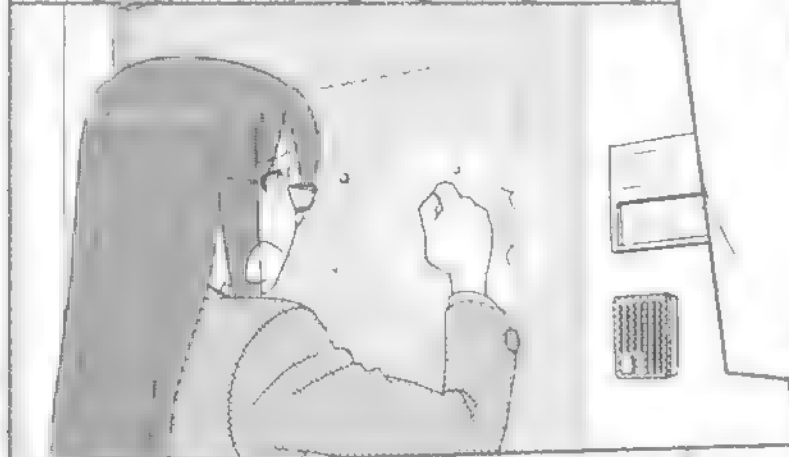
I LOVE HER
GIRLISH
ROUND
SHOULDERS
AND HER
PERFECTLY
SMOOTH
ARMS.



I LOVE THE
MOODY,
HONEST
KAZAMA.

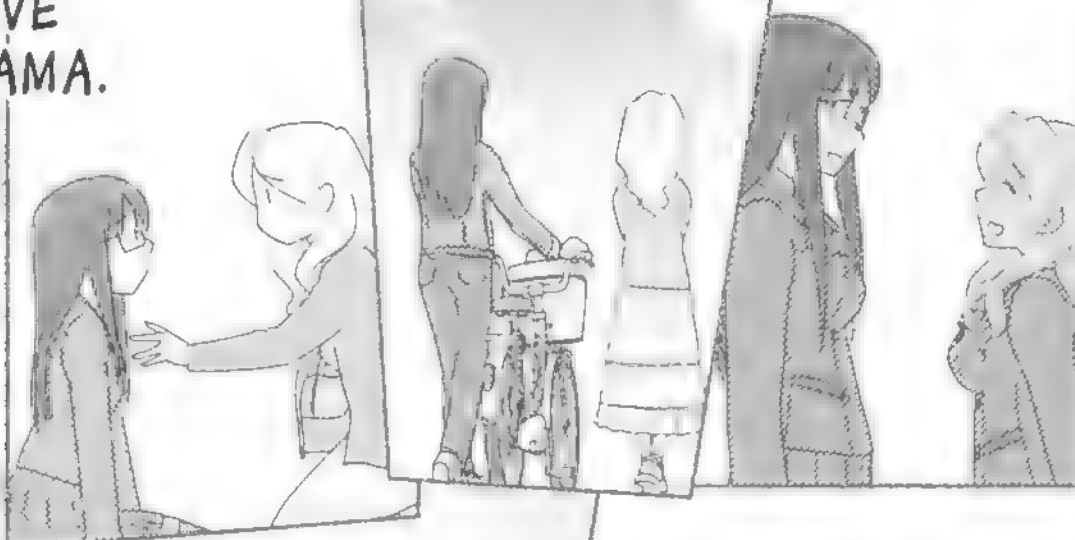


SHE
LAUGHS;
SHE CRIES;
SHE YELLS;
AND SHE
LAUGHS
AGAIN.



LOVE
KAZAMA.

I

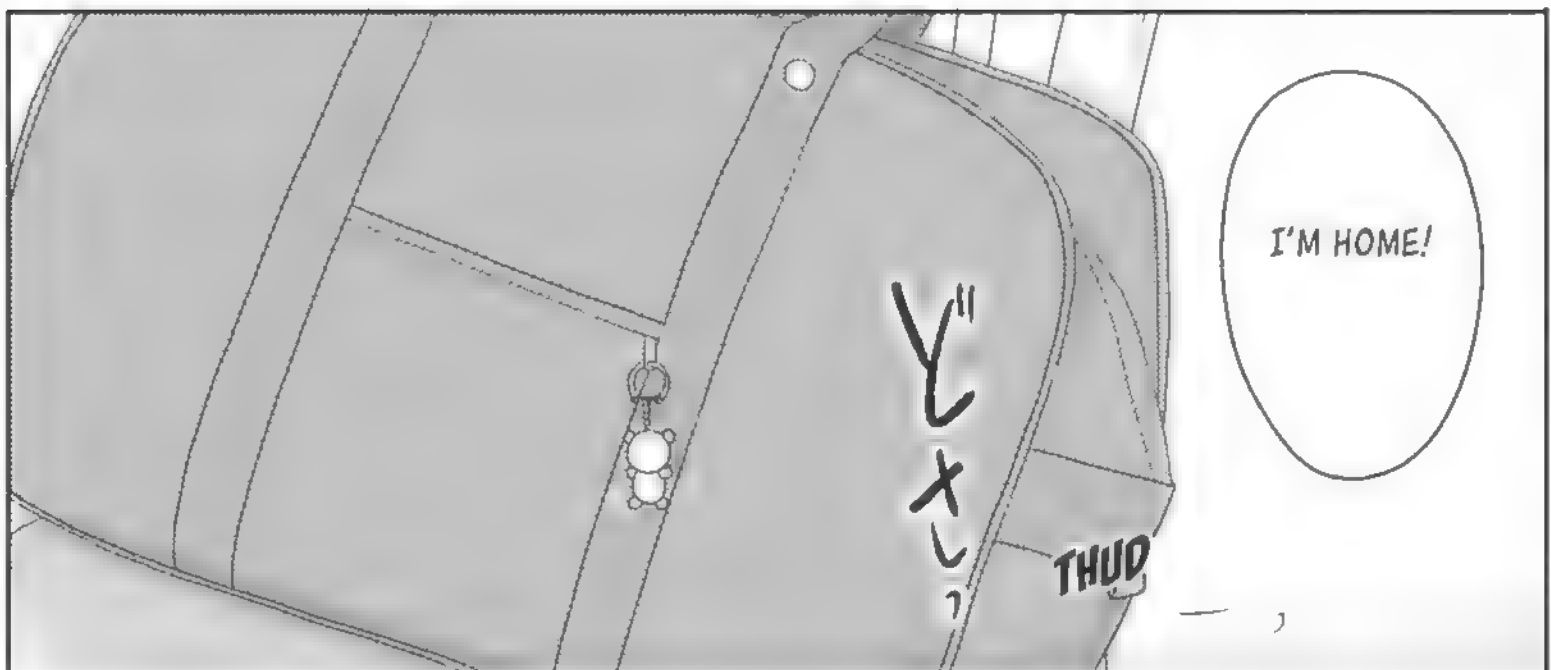


I LOVE HER.

MEAN
ANYTHING.

BUT

THESE WORDS
NO LONGER...





BETTER
PUT IT
ON MY
SHOP-
PING
LIST.

OH, ALMOST
FORGOT
THAT WE'RE
ALMOST OUT
OF TYLENOL!

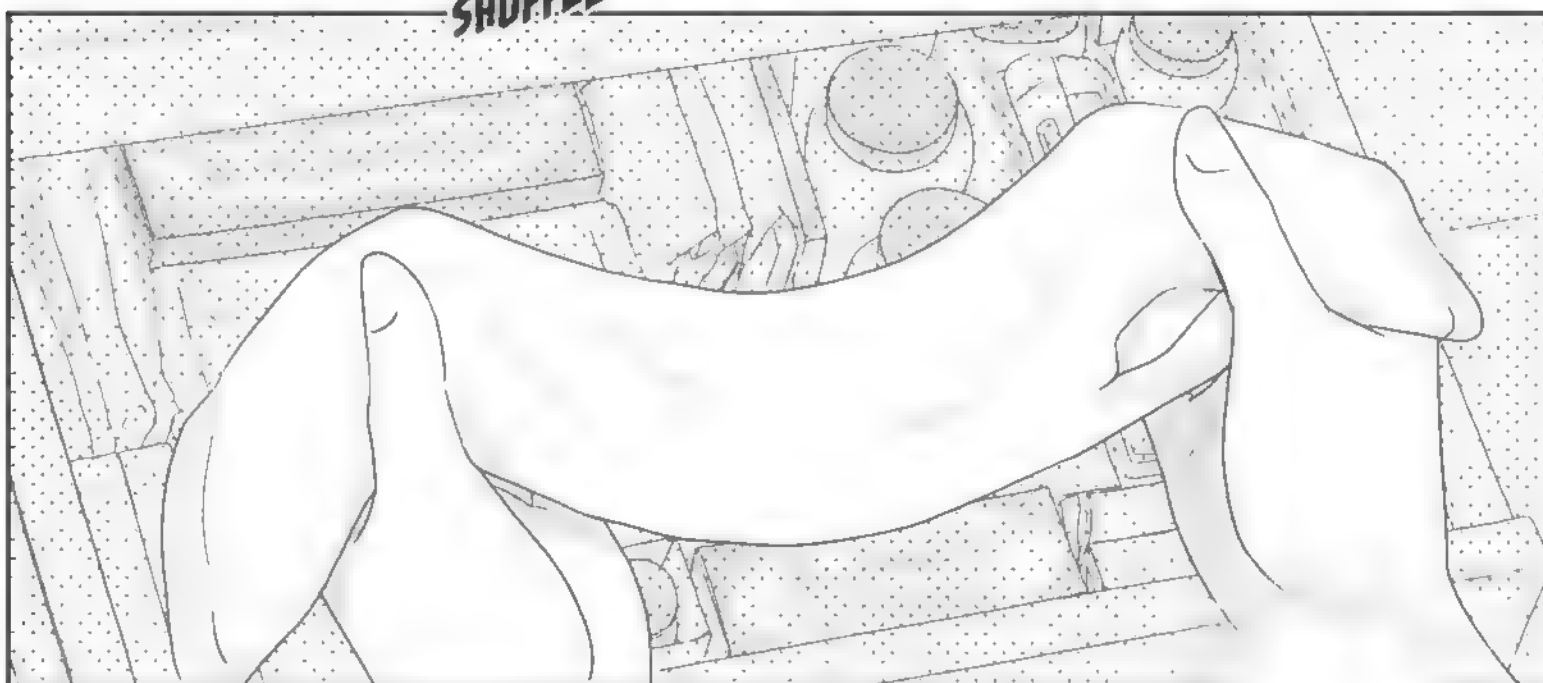


SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE



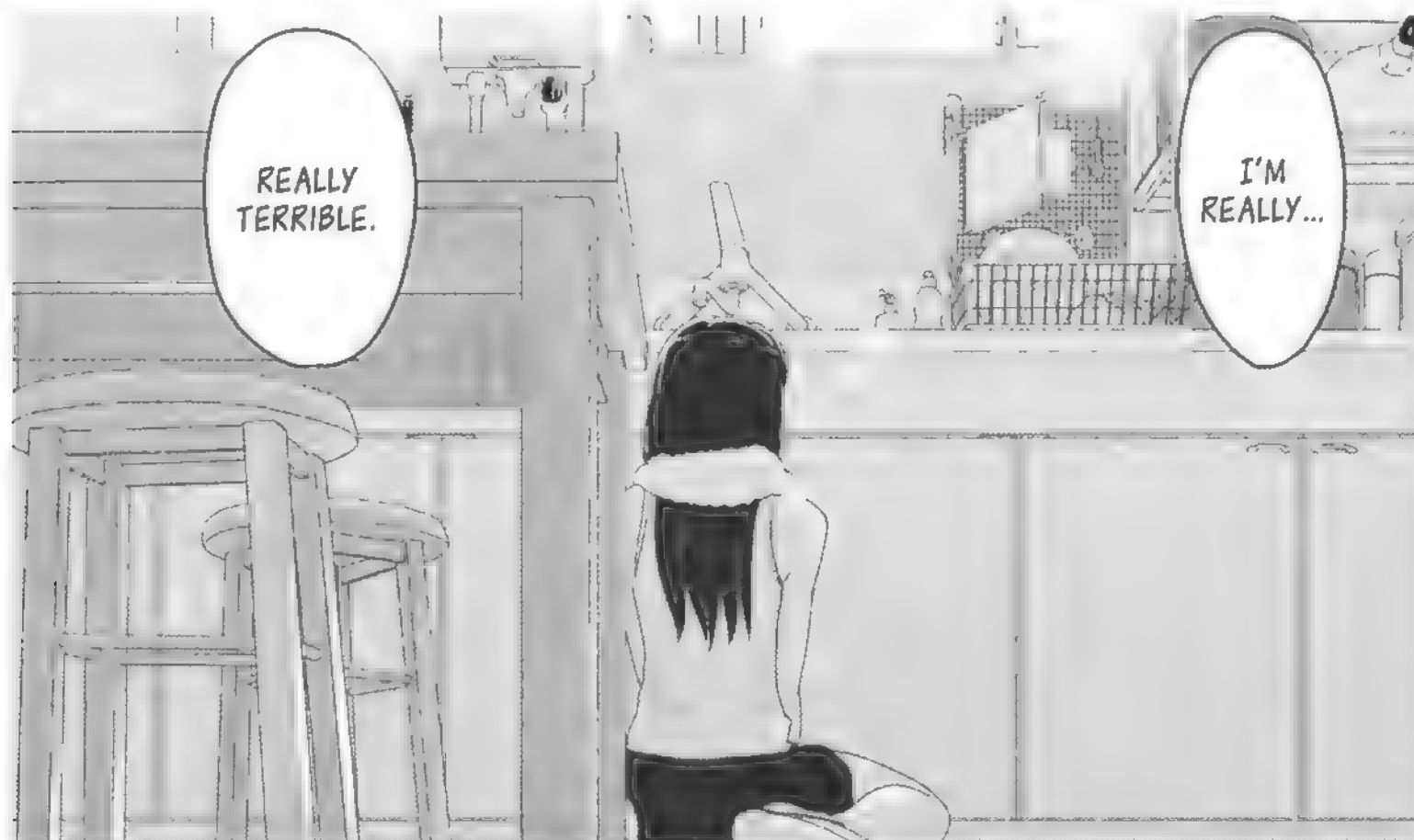
HE LEFT
EVERYTHING
OUT AGAIN.

UGH,



SORRY I'M
BEING SO SELF-
ABSORBED.

OH!
AAAAA



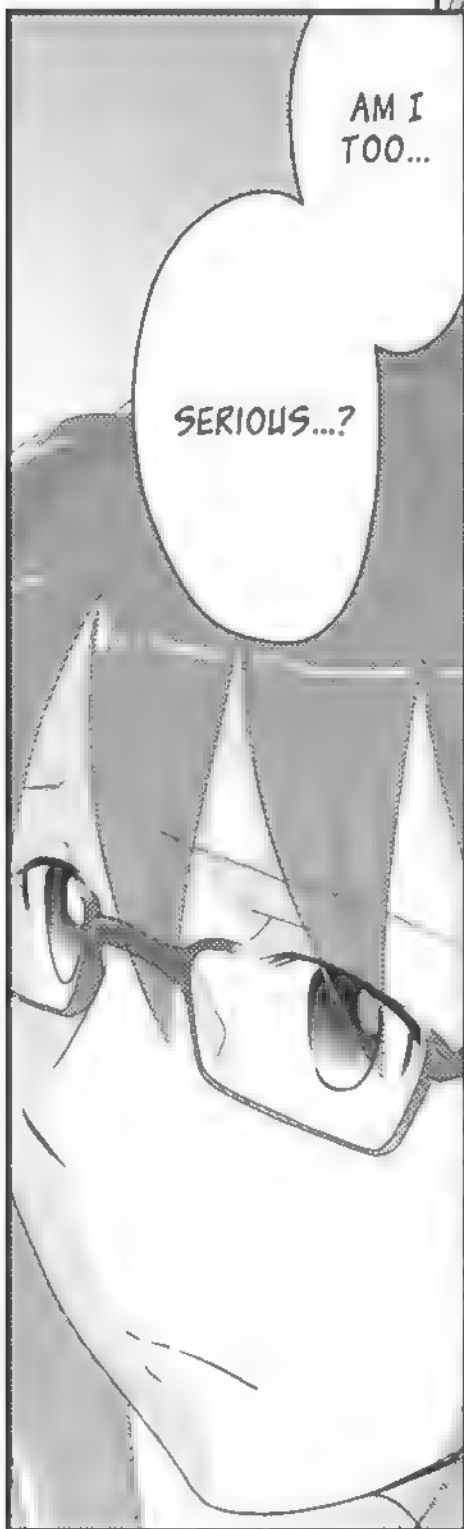




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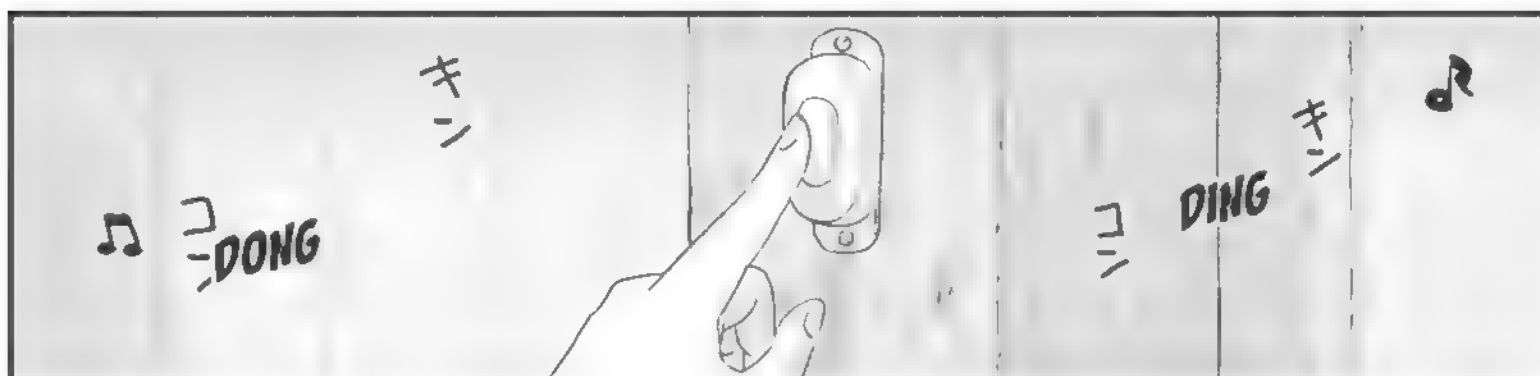


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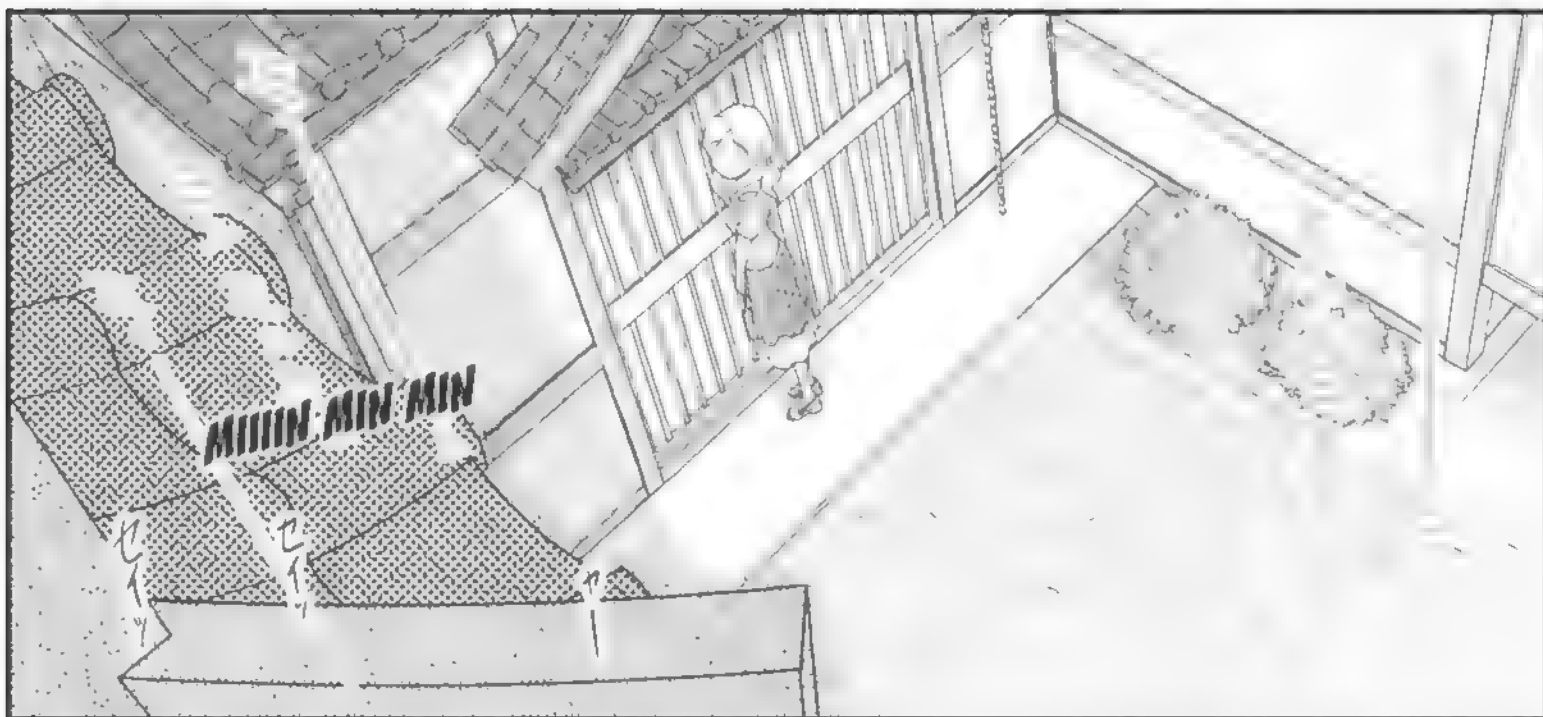


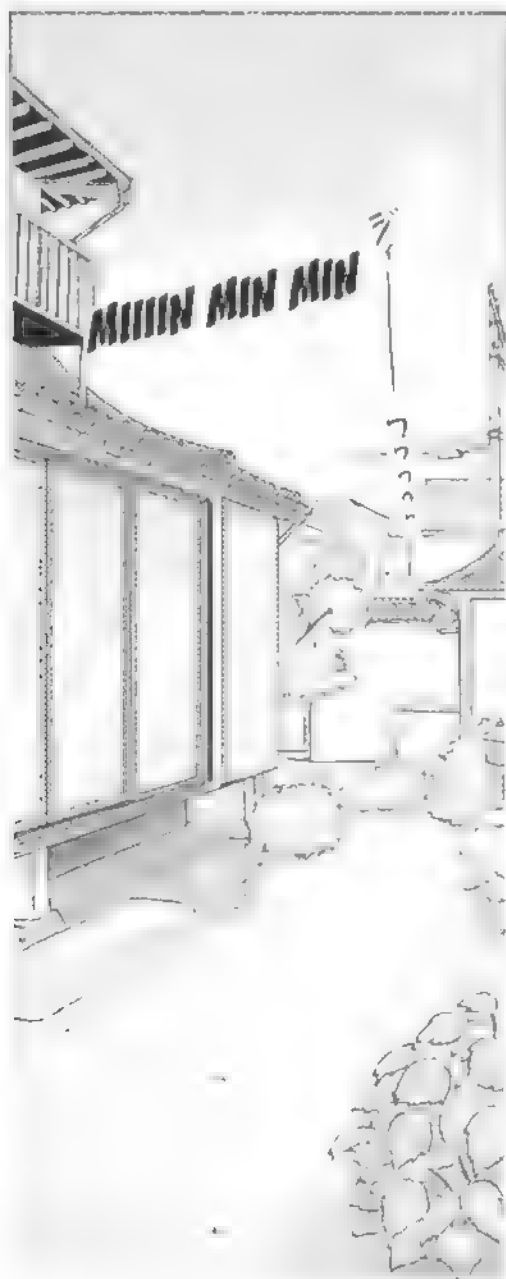
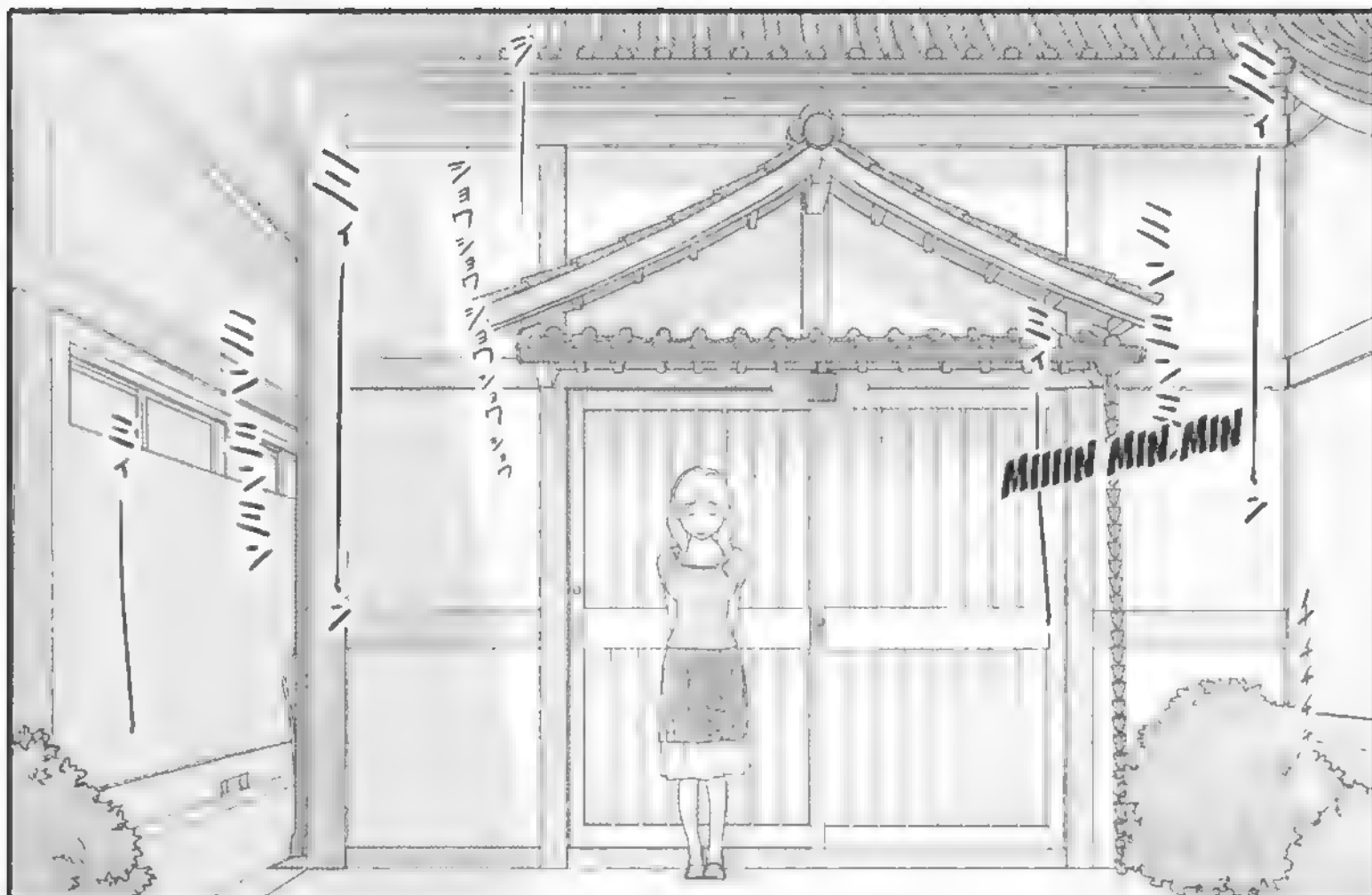
SERIOUS...?

AM I
TOO...





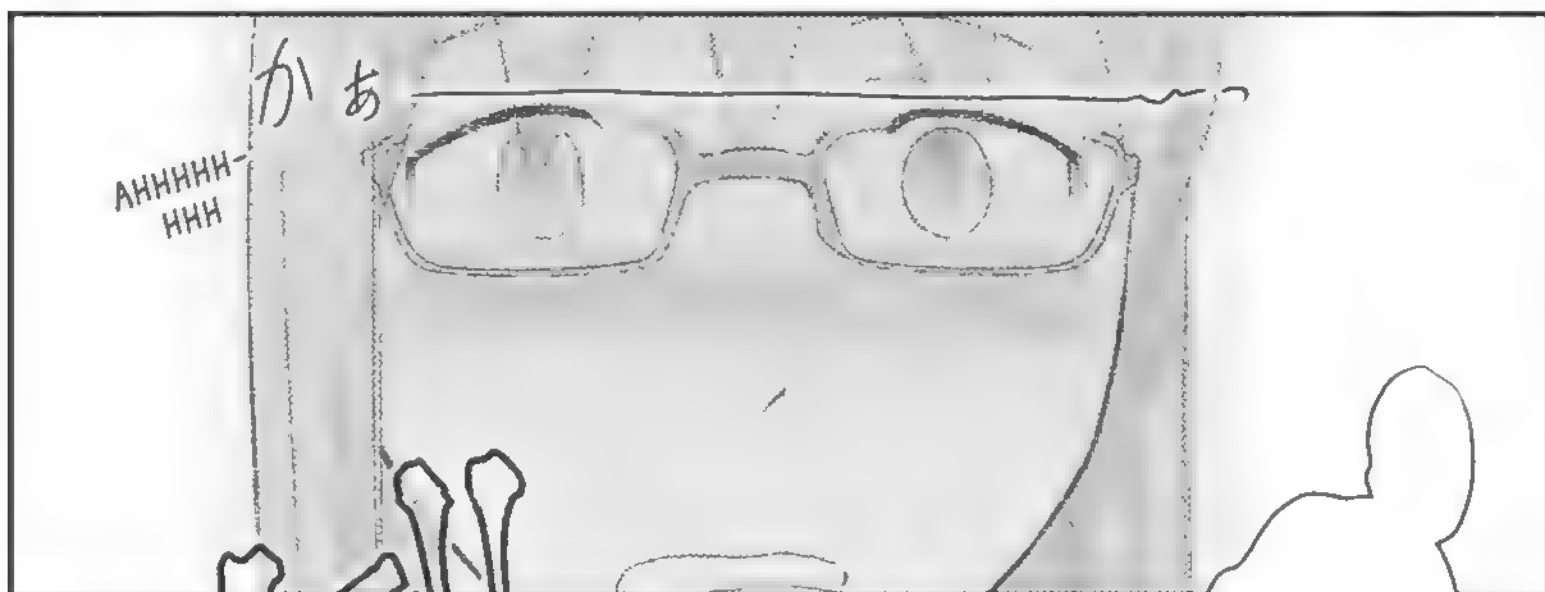




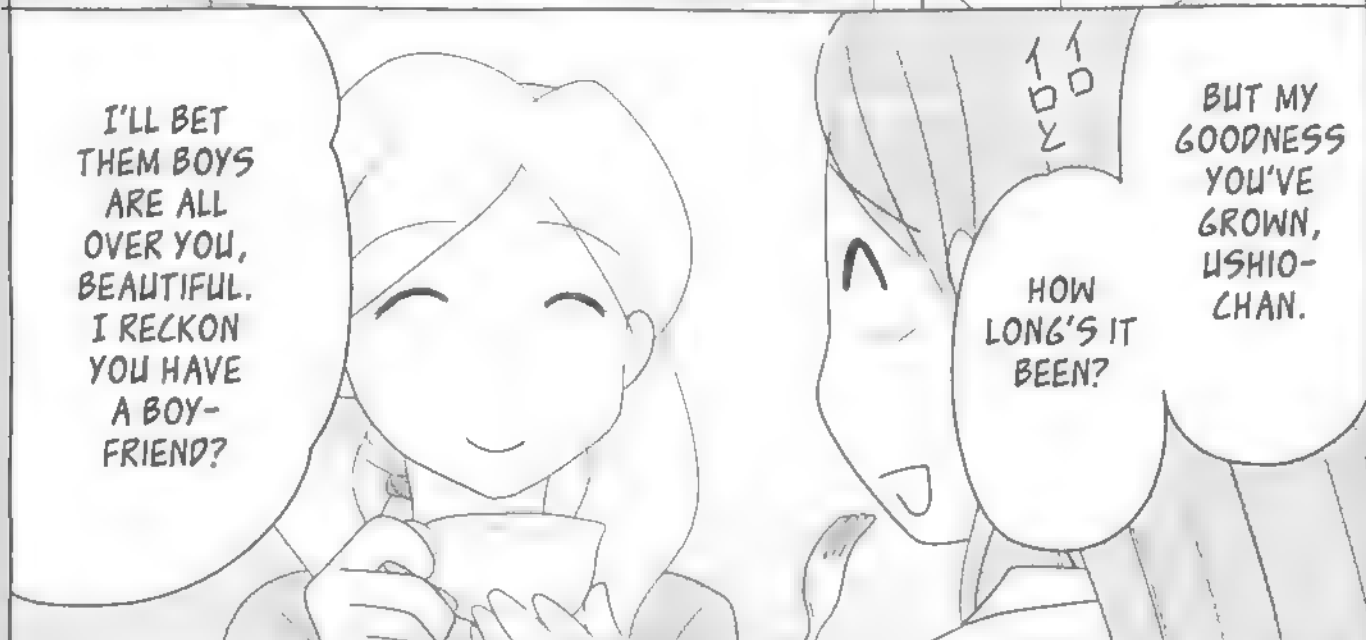




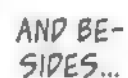
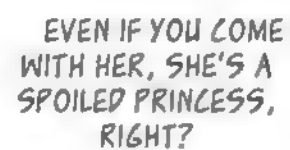








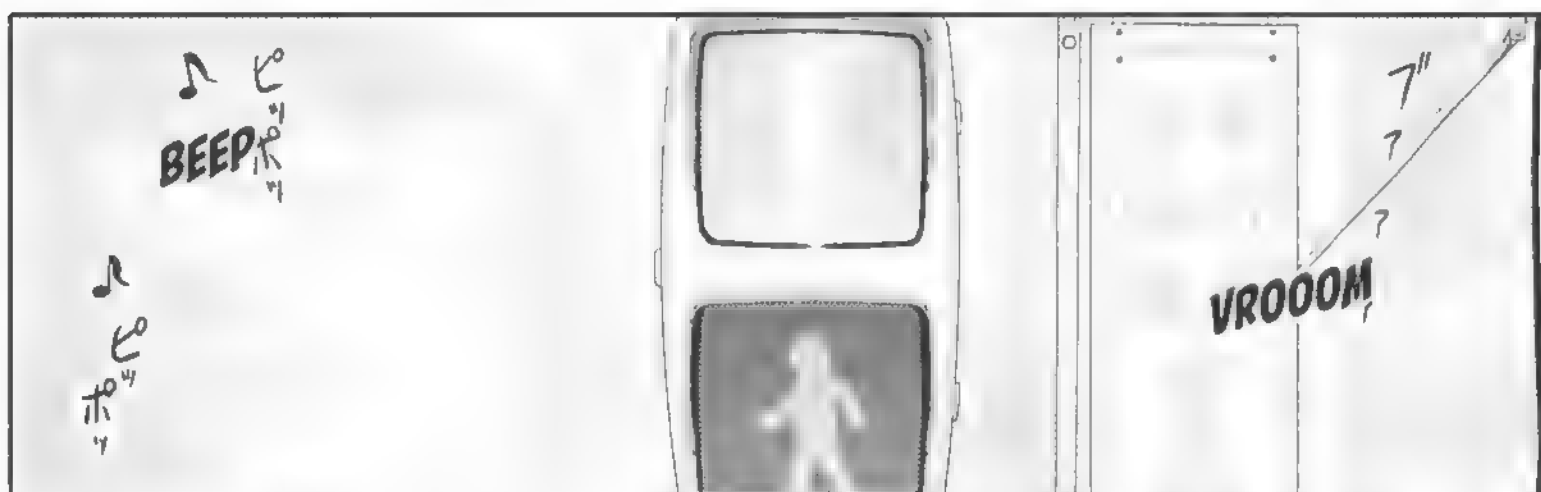


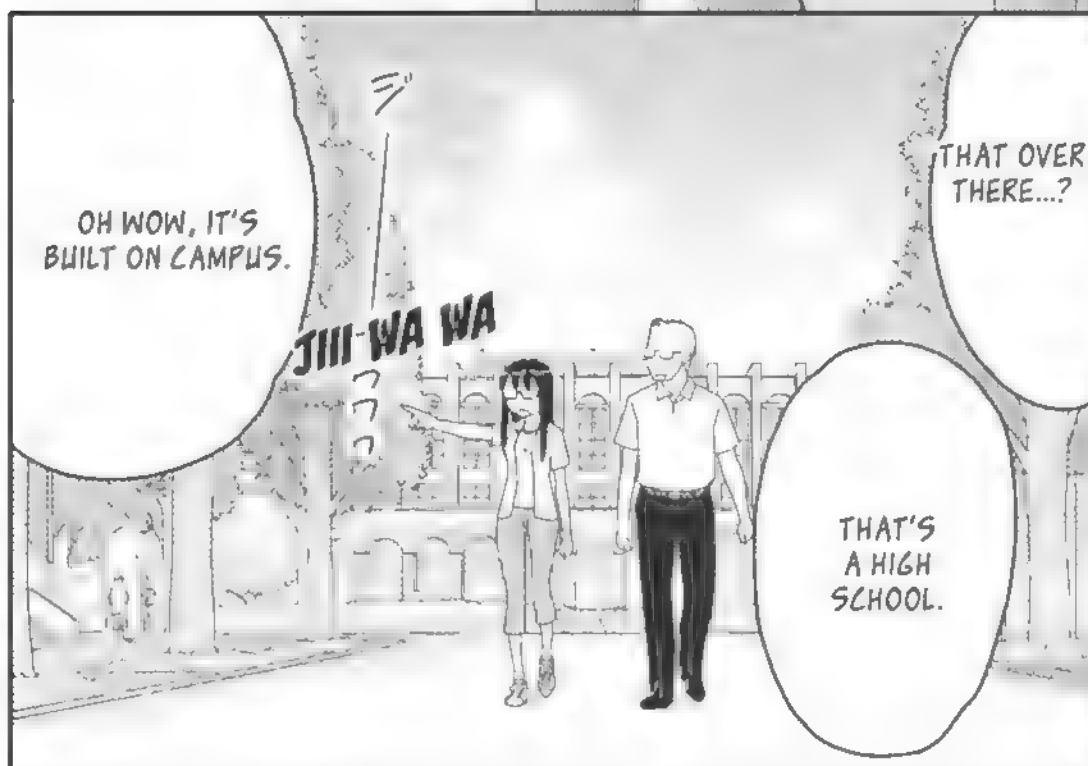




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I CAN'T RUN AWAY.
NO, IT'S NO JOKE.





OH WOW, IT'S
BUILT ON CAMPUS.

THAT OVER
THERE...?

THAT'S
A HIGH
SCHOOL.

JIII-WA WA

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THIS IS THE
MEDICAL
CAMPUS,

AND THAT'S
THE MAIN
AUDITO-
RIUM.



HOW COULD
YOU SUDDENLY
JUST TELL ME
TO GO ON A
COLLEGE TOUR
WITH THIS
MAN?

...BUT
REALLY,
DAD...



NOT
REALLY,
THERE'RE
A LOT OF
BUILDINGS
CROWDED
TOGETHER.

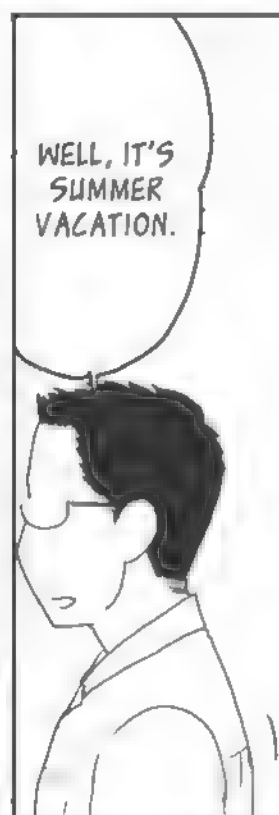
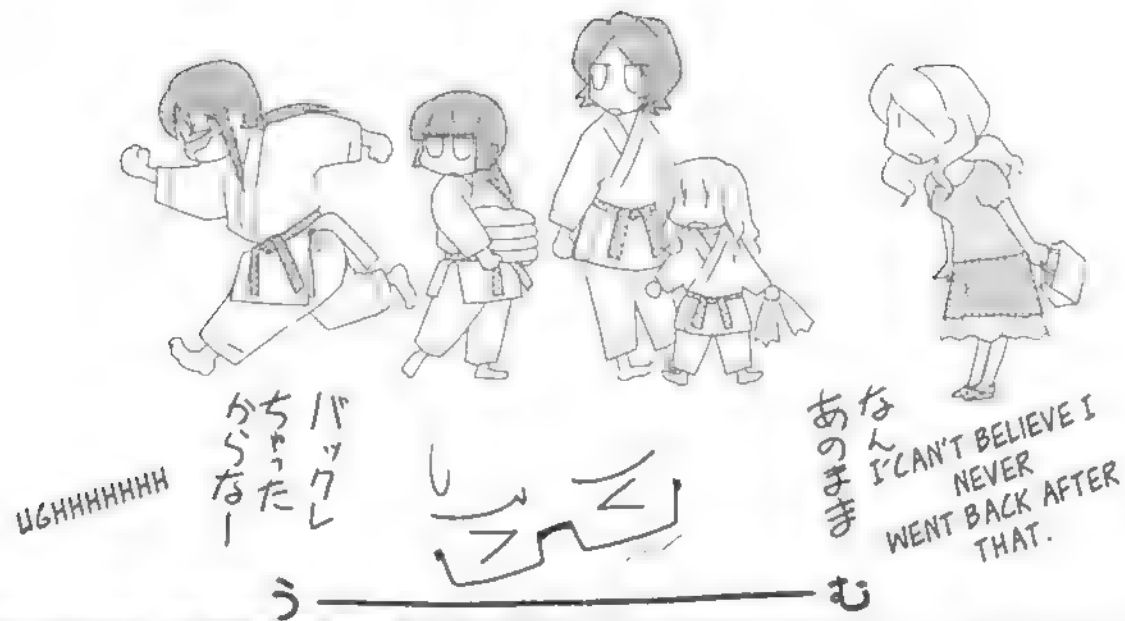
WHAT A
BIG CAM-
PUS!

JIII-WA WA

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I CAN'T STOP
THINKING ABOUT
THAT HUGE
MISTAKE I MADE
YESTERDAY.

SORRY BUT RIGHT
NOW I'M TOO
DISTRACTED TO
THINK ABOUT MY
FUTURE.









USHIO-
CHAN.

I'M
ACTU-
ALLY...

か
し
STRAIGHTEN

IN LOVE?

YOU ARE

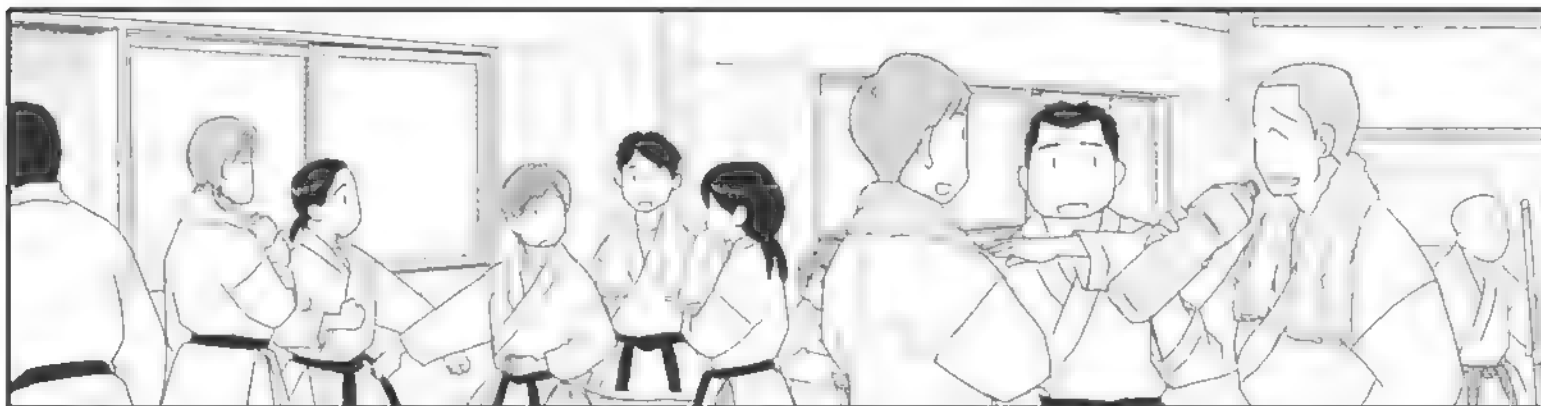
BAM

THAT THERE'S
NO NEED TO
EXPLAIN...?!

DOES THIS
MEAN...







EVERY YEAR
THE KARATE
TEAMS FROM
MY SCHOOL
AND THIS
SCHOOL
COMPETE
TOGETHER

I GO TO
SCHOOL
IN OSAKA,
BUT



DON'T BE
SILLY, I'D
NEVER HAVE
GOTTEN
INTO THIS
SCHOOL..

あはははは
AHAHAH

I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU
WERE A STU-
DENT HERE,
YABASE-
SAN.



OH YEAH!
MURASAME
SUMIKA!
RIGHT?!

OH... YES.

WHO WON IN
THE JUNIOR
CATEGORY A
WHILE BACK
IN MIDDLE
SCHOOL?

HEY, AREN'T
YOU THAT
GIRL...

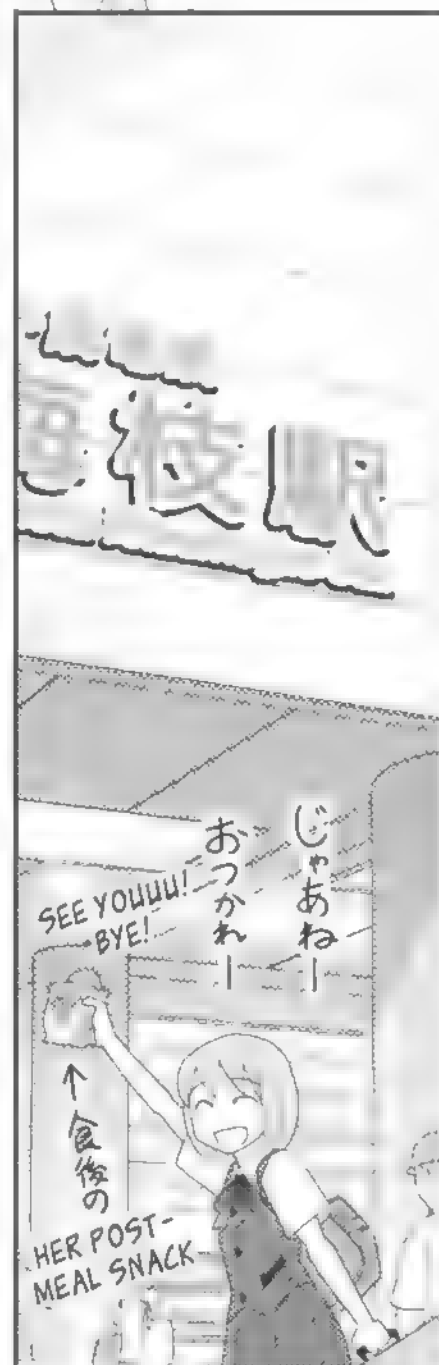


I THOUGHT
THERE'D JUST
BE DORKS HERE
BUT THEY'RE
ACTUALLY
PRETTY GOOD.

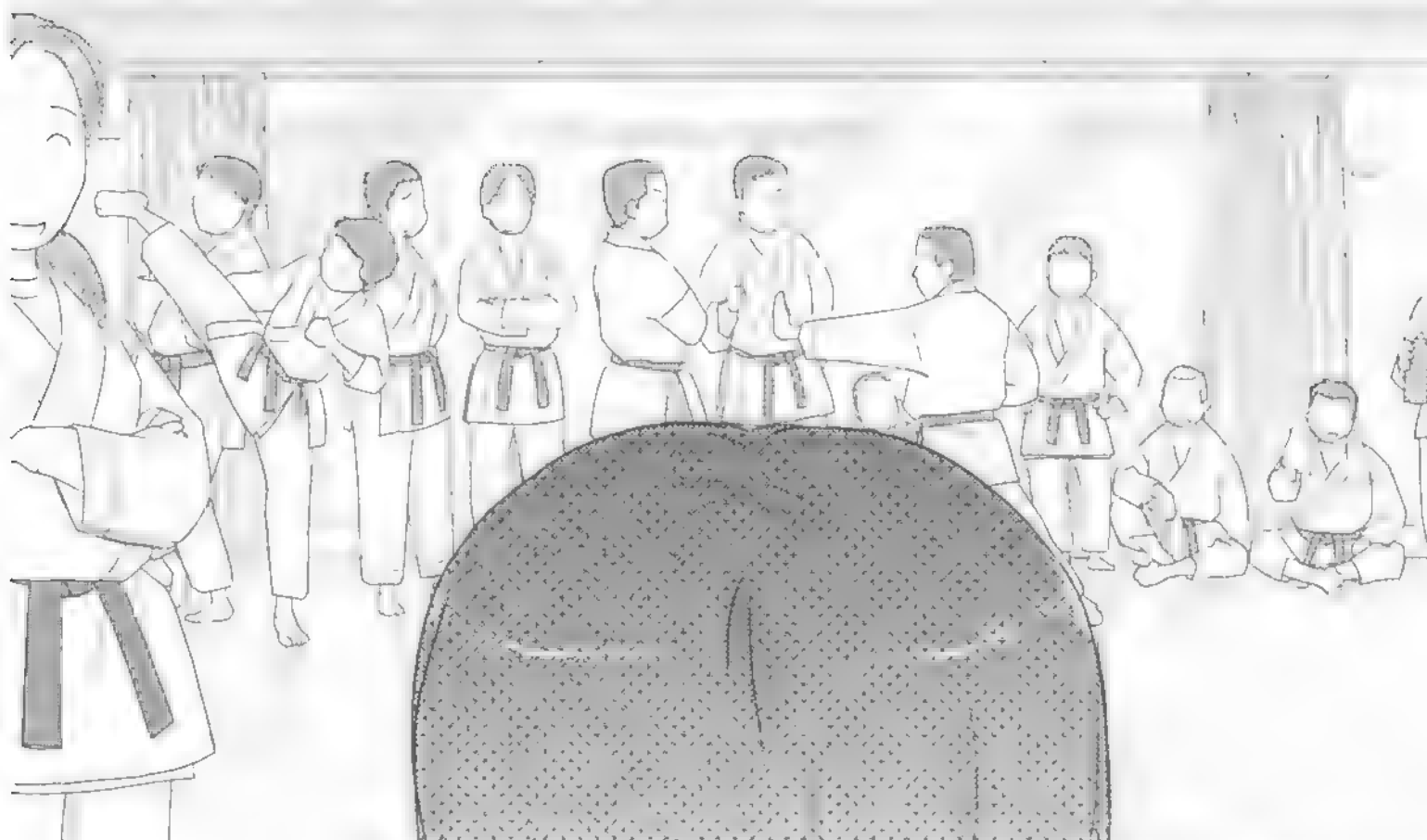
YABA, IS SHE
AN UNDER-
CLASSMAN?



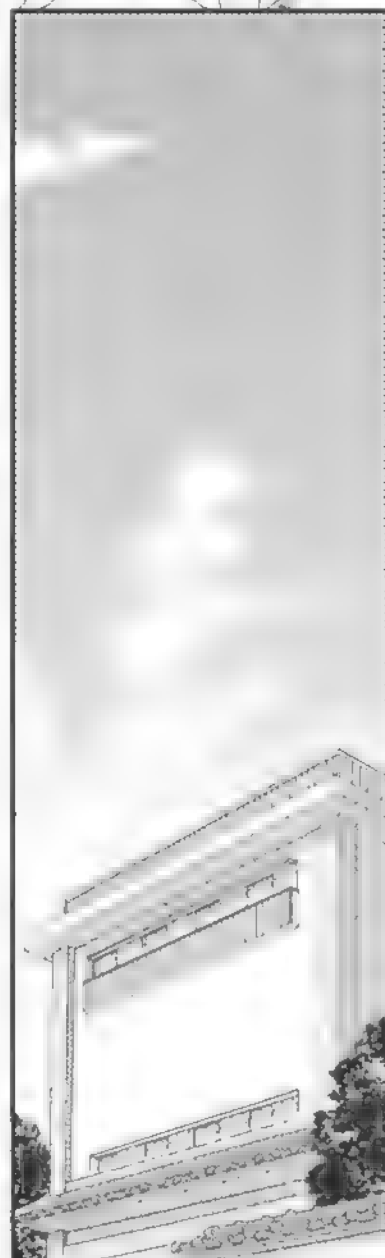
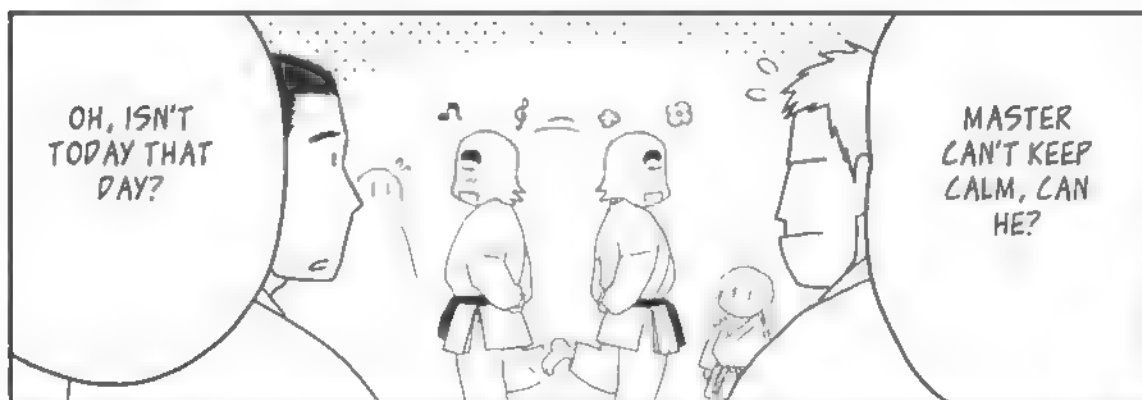






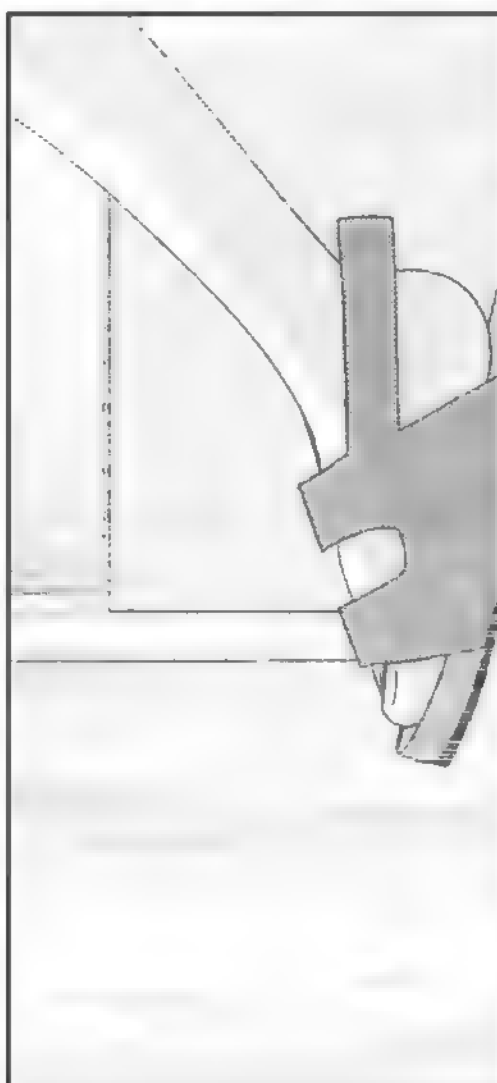
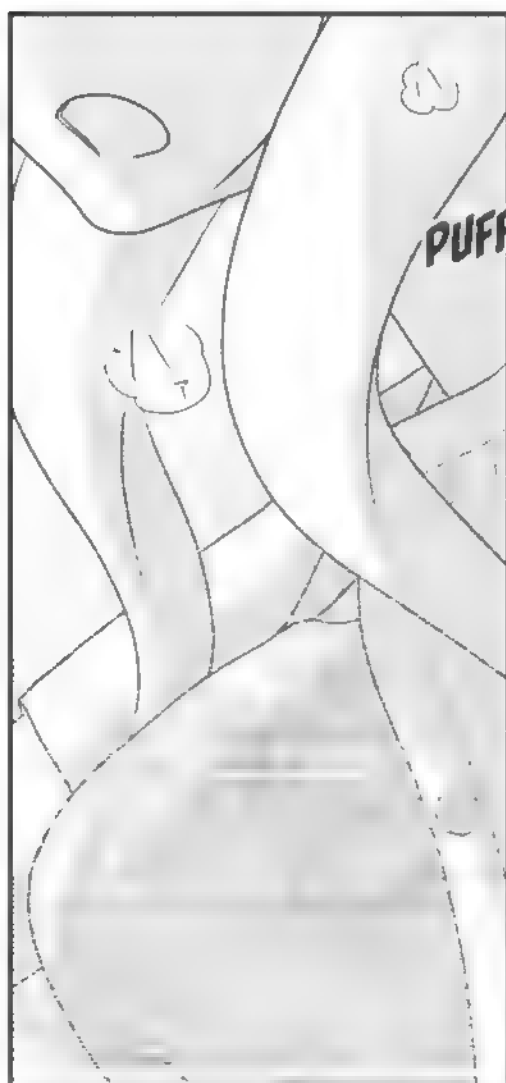


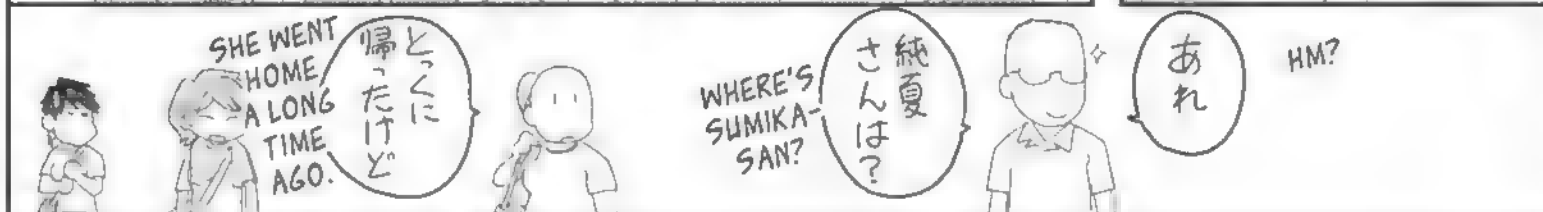
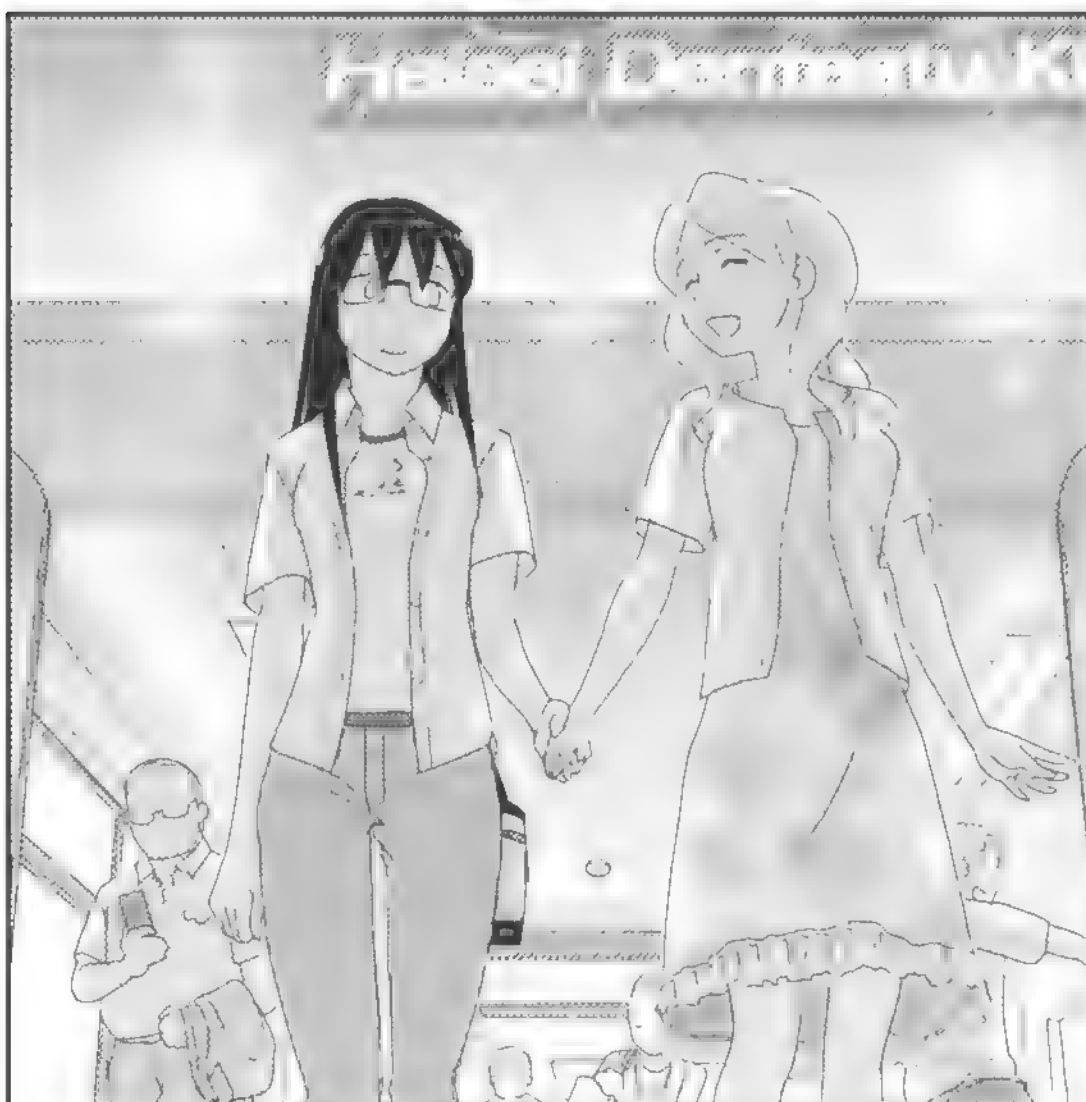
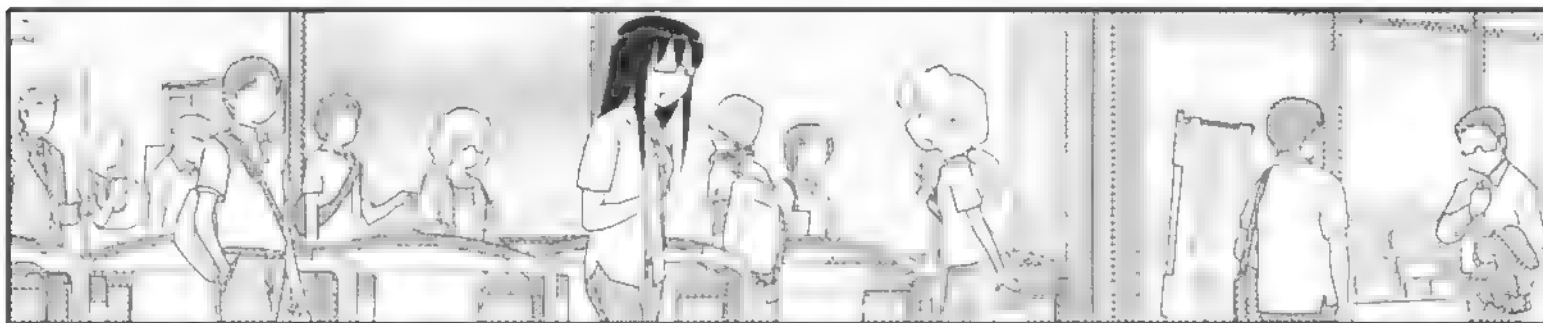












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EXTRA #48







NAHH, I
THINK IT'S
TOO LATE
TO BE GO-
ING INTO
SOME-
THING LIKE
THAT.

SO ARE
YOU GOING
TO GO INTO
PRE-MED?



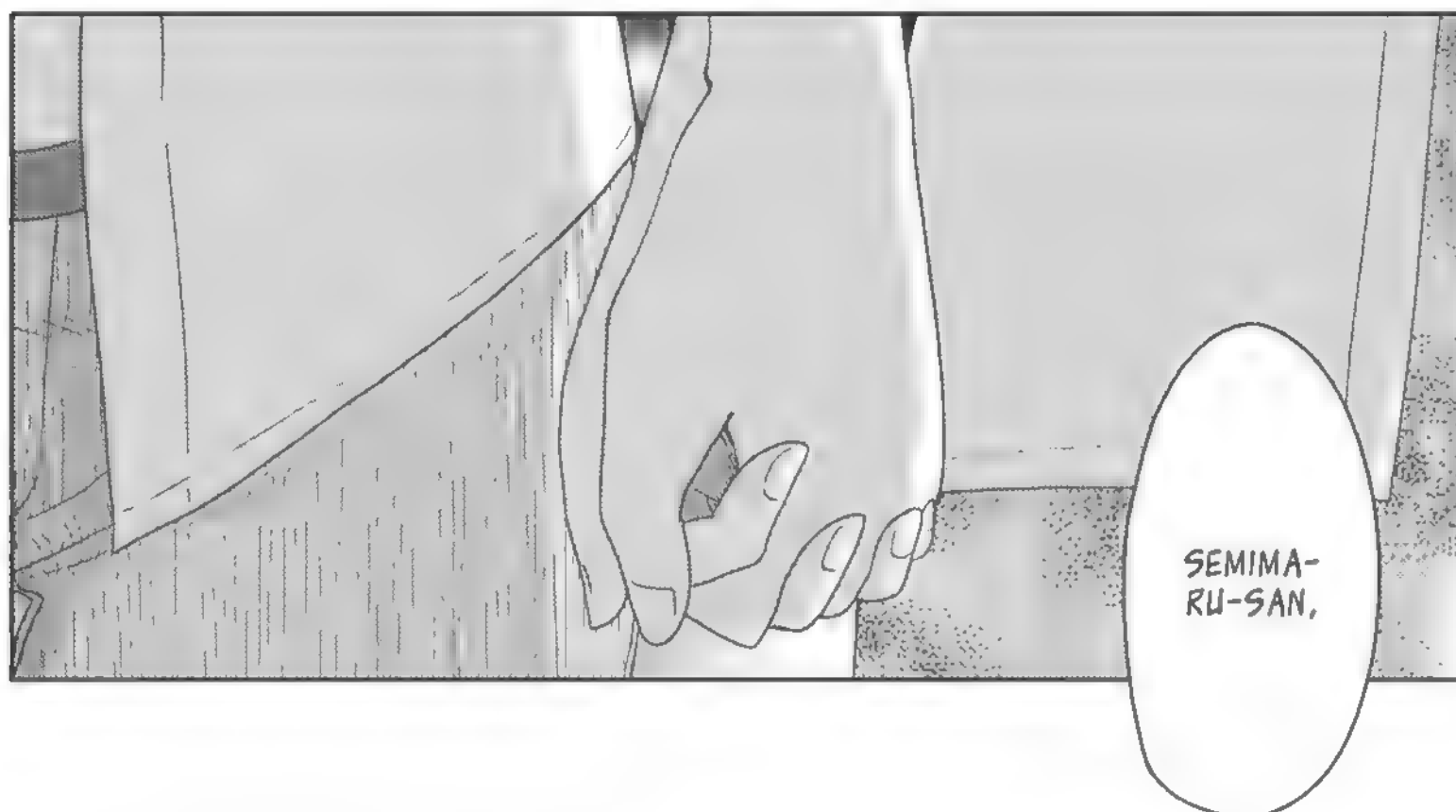
WELL ACTU-
ALLY, IT WAS MY
TEACHER AND
FATHER WHO
SUGGESTED
THAT I GO INTO
SPORTS
MEDICINE IN THE
FIRST PLACE.

OH? I
THINK
YOU CAN
DEFINITELY
HANDLE IT.



OH!

I GUESS
I'M JUST
CONSID-
ERING IT
FOR NOW.



SEMIMA-
RU-SAN,

part forty-nine ~path~



WHAT'S
WRONG?
HAVE YOU
FINISHED
LESSONS
TODAY?



YEEES?

DING DONG

CHIRP

VROOOOM

444...



AND HERE IS THE MEAT YOU'VE ORDERED.

AH YES, THANK YOU.

GOOD DAY, MA'AM. HERE'S THE FISH.



I'LL BET THEY'RE SECRETLY ENJOYING IT.

THEY COMPLAIN ABOUT THIS AND THAT, BUT

THE MEN ARE WORKING EXTRA HARD.

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ガン

BAM



WOW, IT'S LIKE A FESTIVAL!

THANK YOU FOR LENDING A HAND.

GOOD MORNING! OH WOW, THINGS HAVE STARTED ALREADY.



HAAAAPPY

POP

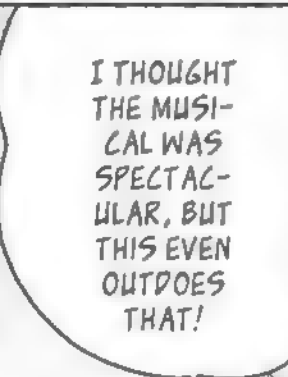
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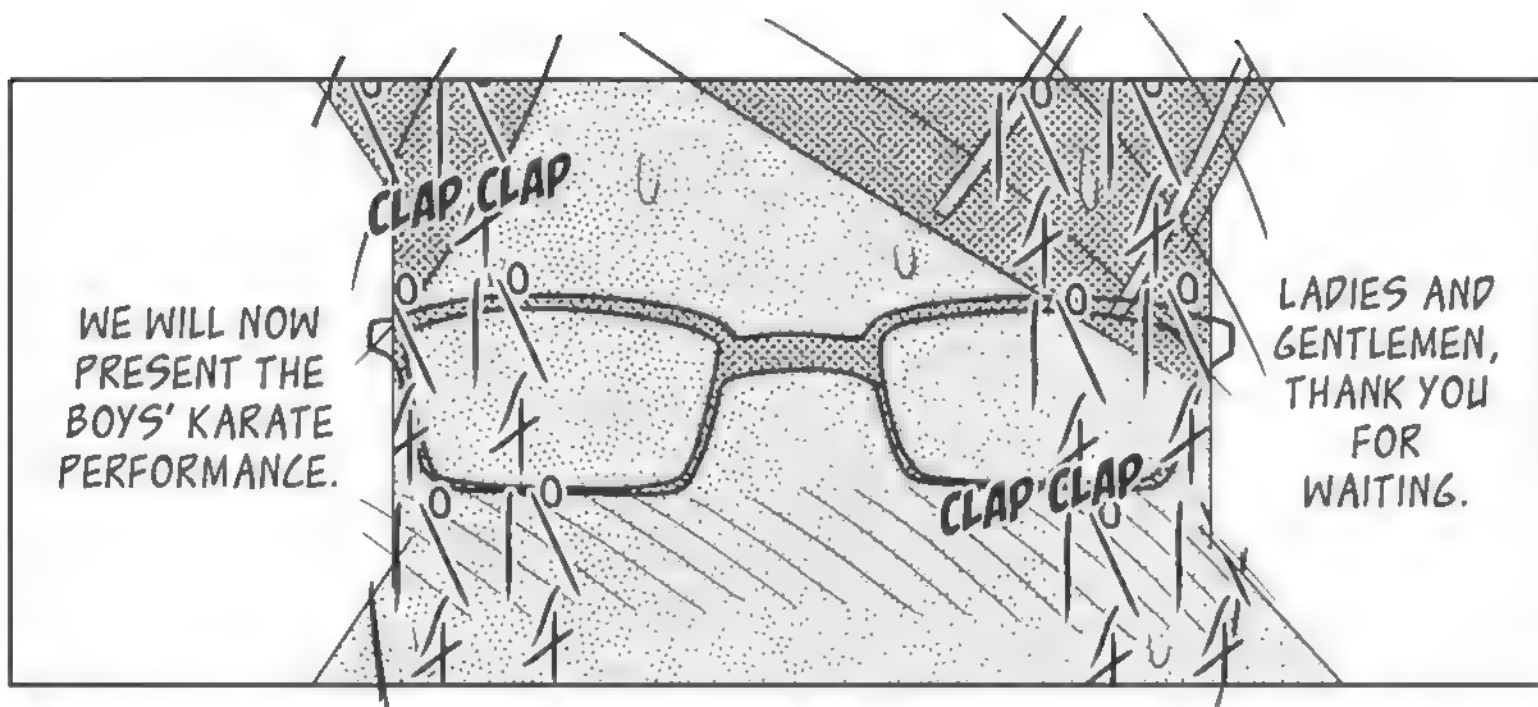
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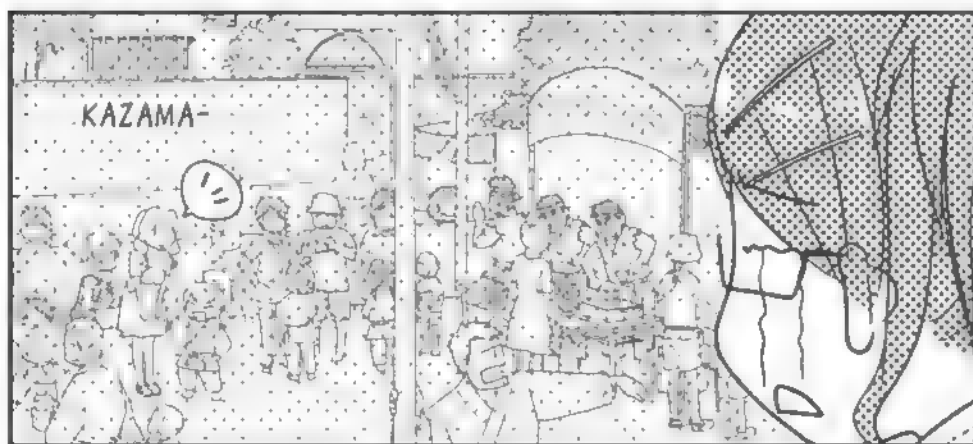


POP

**BIRTH-
DAYYYY!!**









OH... I MEAN...
YEAH.

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やはり?

ENDED UP?





IF MAYU-CHAN
STOPPED
TRYING TO BE
WITH CAPTAIN,
THAT'D MAKE
MY LIFE A
WHOLE LOT
EASIER.



FIRST UP IS
REPRESENTA-
TIVE NANNO
TAREBE
SHOWING US
HIS SUPER
RINPEI!

NEXT UP,
PLEASE
WELCOME
OUR SPECIAL
GUESTS.

ALL THE WAY
FROM THE
NORTHERN
SCHOOLS,
THEY'VE COME
TO SHOW YOU
THEIR
SPECIAL
SKILLS PER-
FORMANCE.



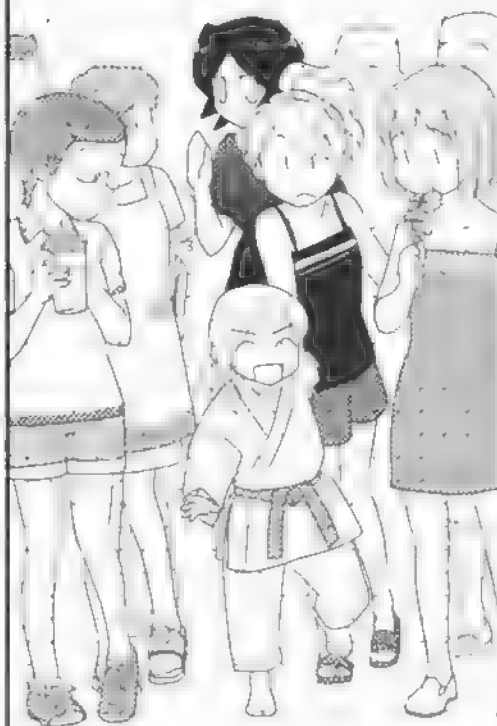
UP NEXT ARE
LAST YEAR'S
REGIONAL
CHAMPIONS,
YADA, UME-
KAWA, AND

HIYOSHI
FROM THE
KANSAI
TEAM,
PERFORM-
ING THE
SEI-
ENCHIN!



HOW
STRANGE.

MATSUB-
ARA-SAN
IS HERE...



HASN'T
COME.

SEMIMA-
RU-SAN...

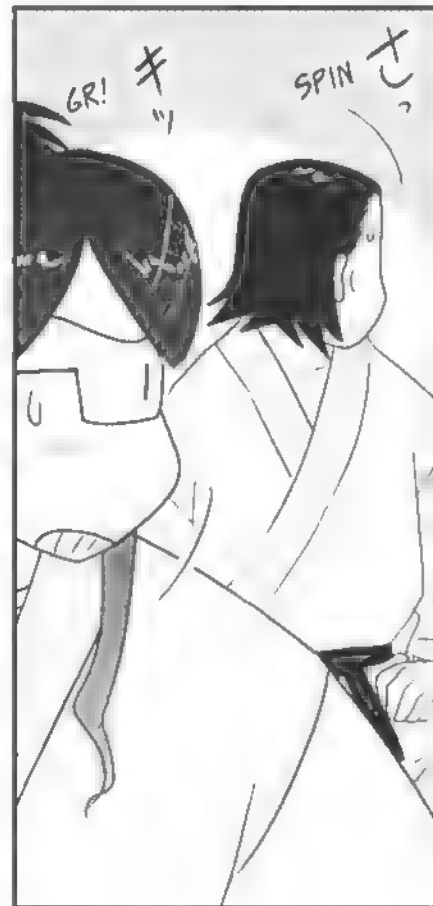
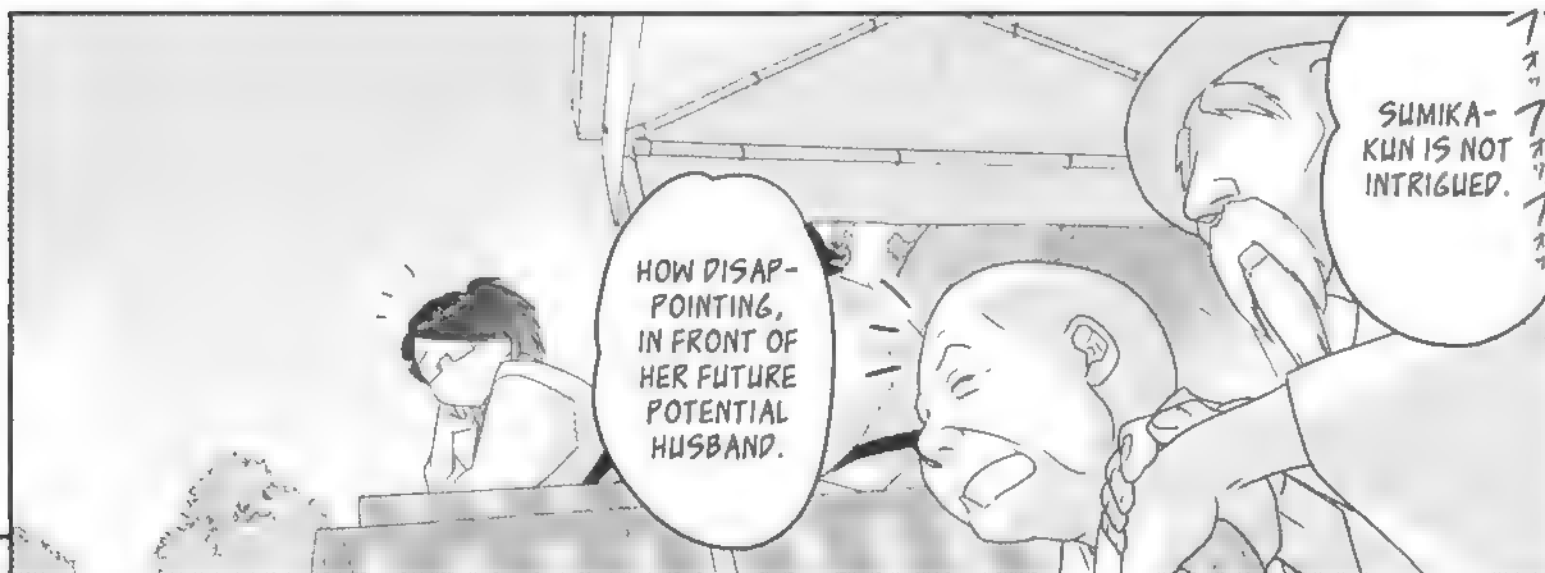
THAT MEANS,
EXACTLY...?

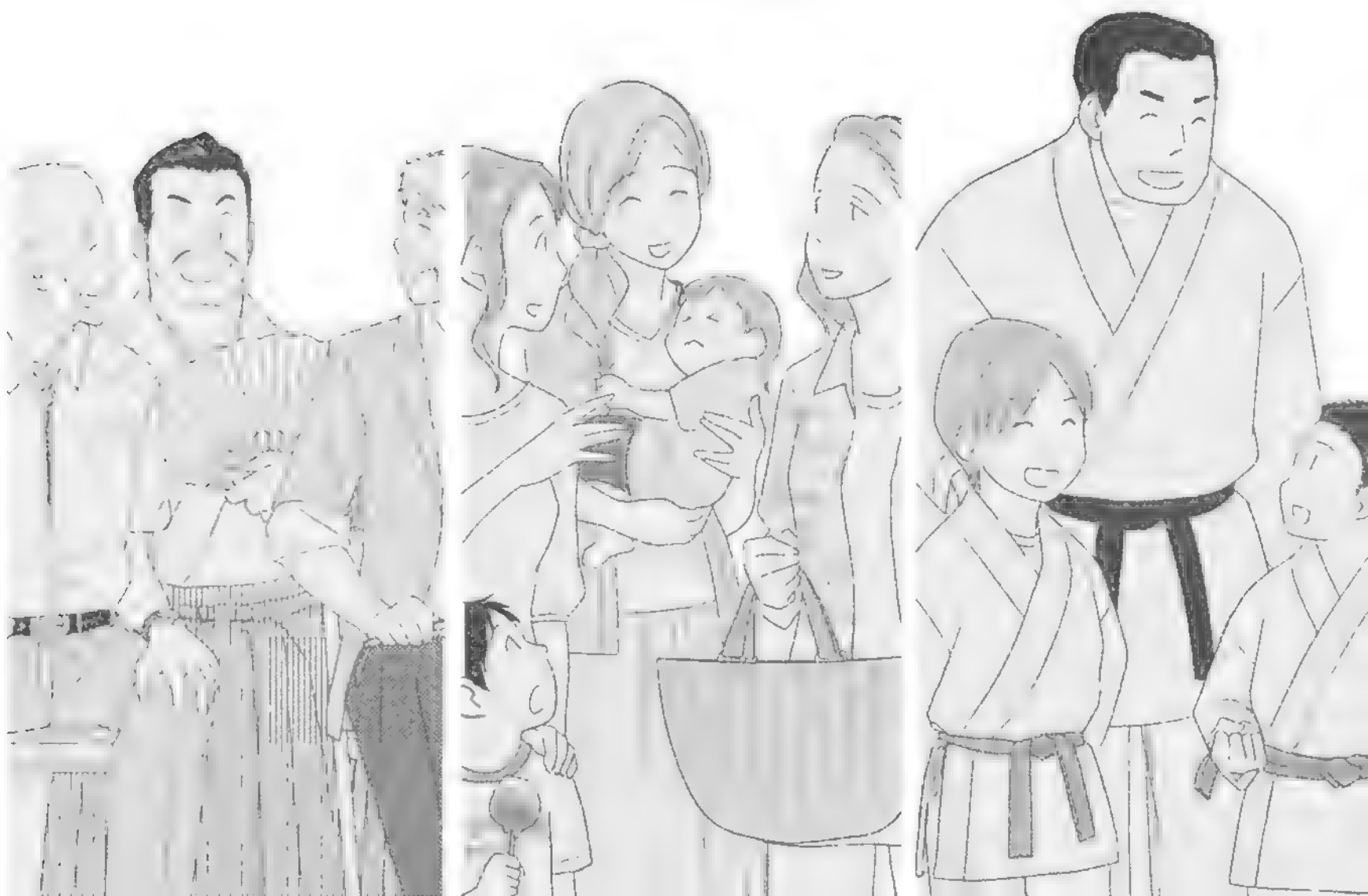
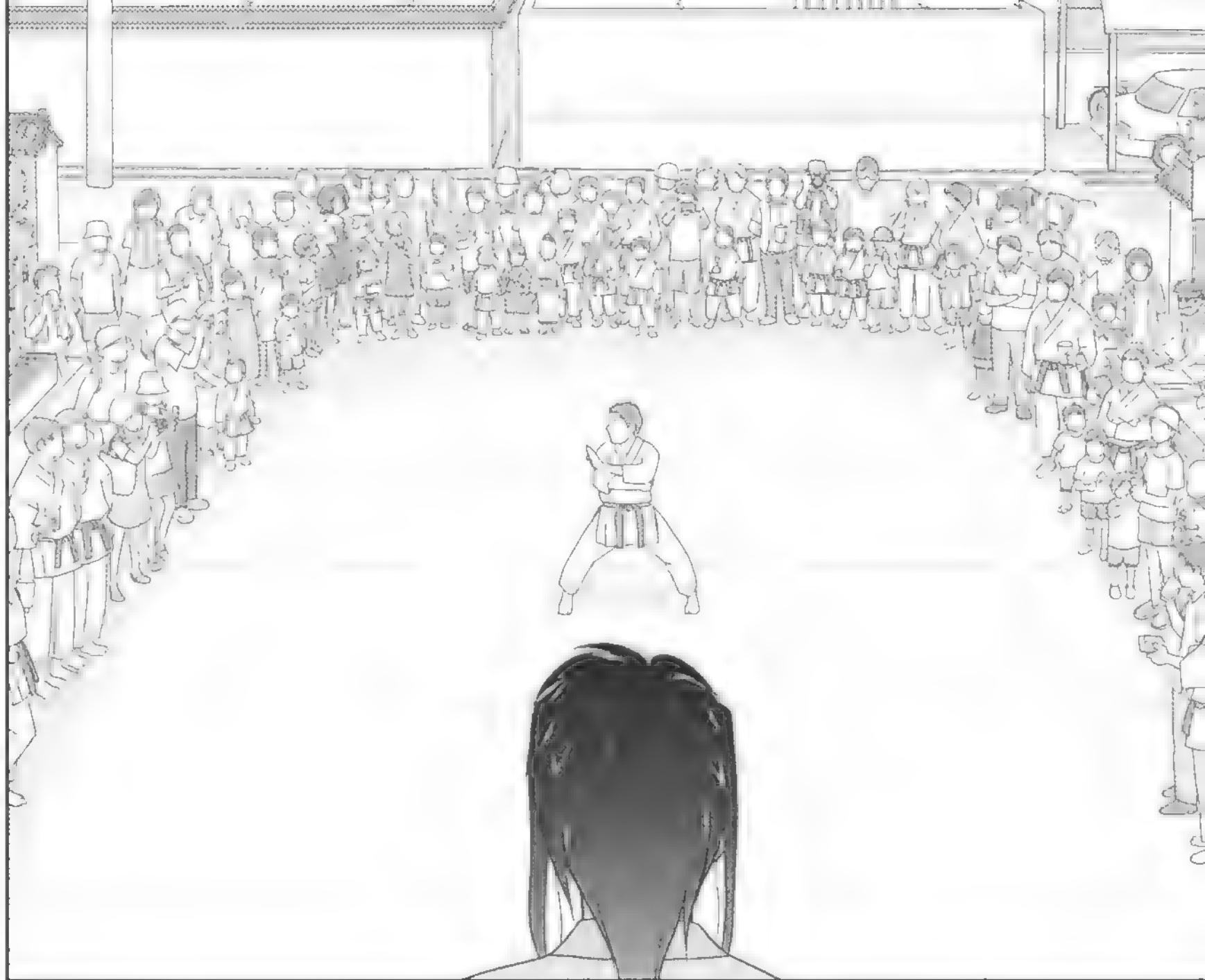
WHAT
DID...



IT'S NOT
FAIR, SEMPAI!







SOMETHING
THAT I NEED
TO SAY.

I STILL
HAVE

THAT'S
RIGHT.

IT'S NOT
FAIR,
SEMPAI!





I'VE NEVER
FELT HAP-
PIER...

IT'S BEEN
OVER TEN
YEARS
SINCE I'VE
TAKEN
OVER THE
DOJO
AND...

YOU'RE SO
DRAMATIC,
TENKAI-
SAN.



THANK YOU
VERY MUCH,
EVERYONE!!

WELL,
THANK YOU!



THAT'S
RIGHT. AS
PART OF
YOUR COM-
MITTEE I CAN
REST EASIER.

WELL, THAT
SUMIKA-
CHAN, WHO
ONCE EVEN
QUIT KARATE,
HAS MADE A
HUGE
COME BACK.



I DON'T
LIKE WHERE
THIS
CONVER-
SATION IS
GOING...

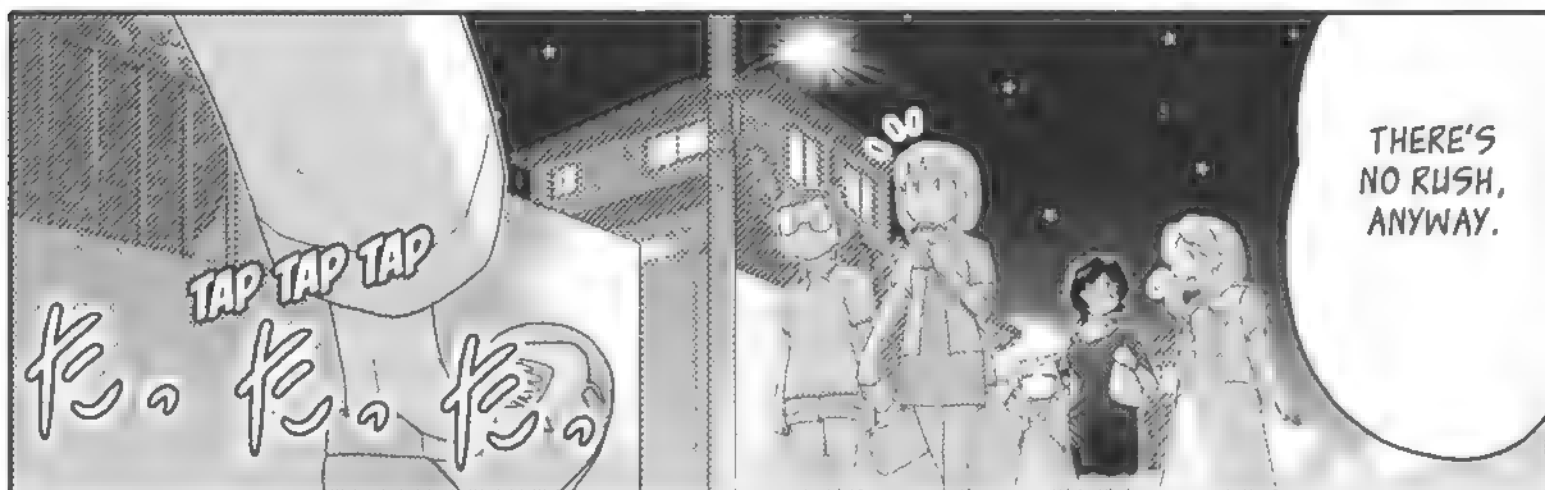
ふふふ
YES, THAT
ONE.

THE
SCHOOL
THAT'S
PART
OF THE
SOUTHERN
LEAGUE?

OH YES,
THE COACH
FROM MY
ALMA
MATER...

WHICH
COLLEGE IS
SHE THINK-
ING ABOUT
GOING TO?





THERE'S
NO RUSH,
ANYWAY.



SEMPAI,
GOOD
EVENING.

OH!

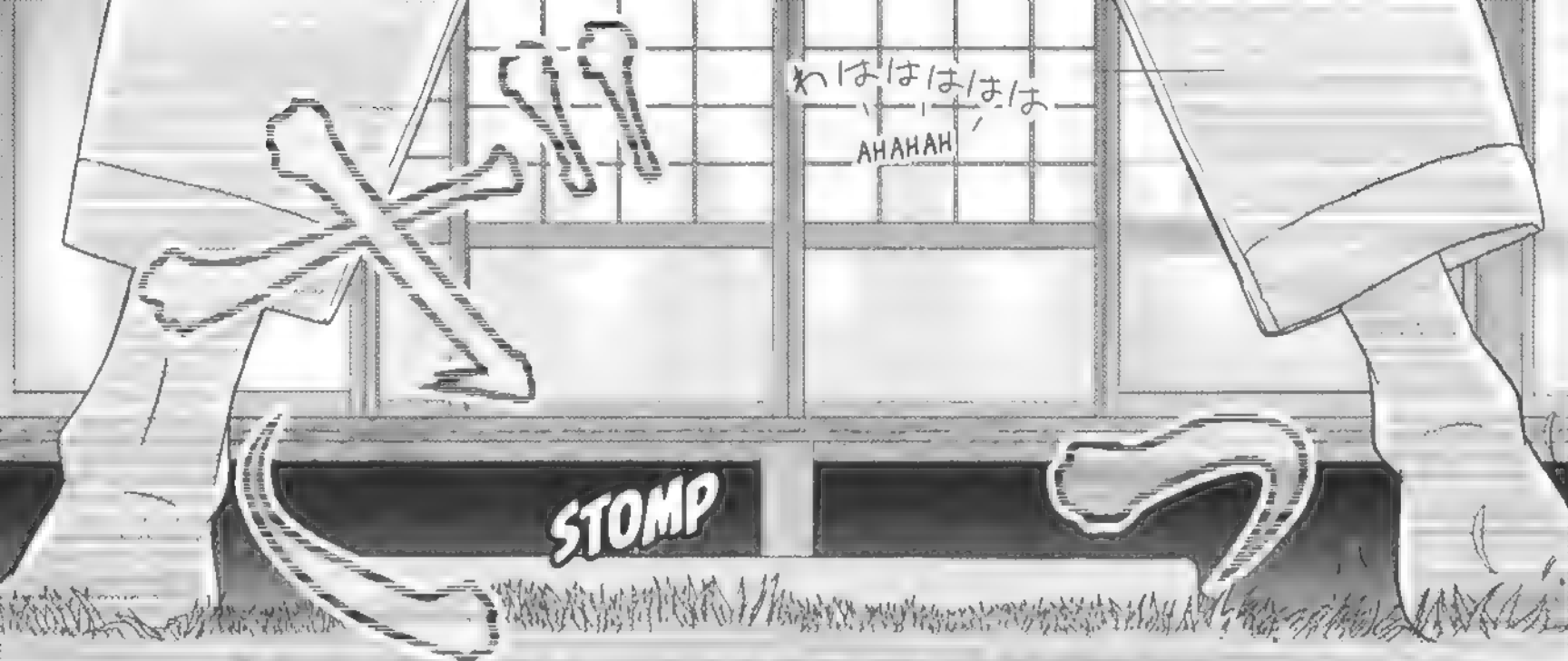


WHO
KNOWS...

WHAT...?

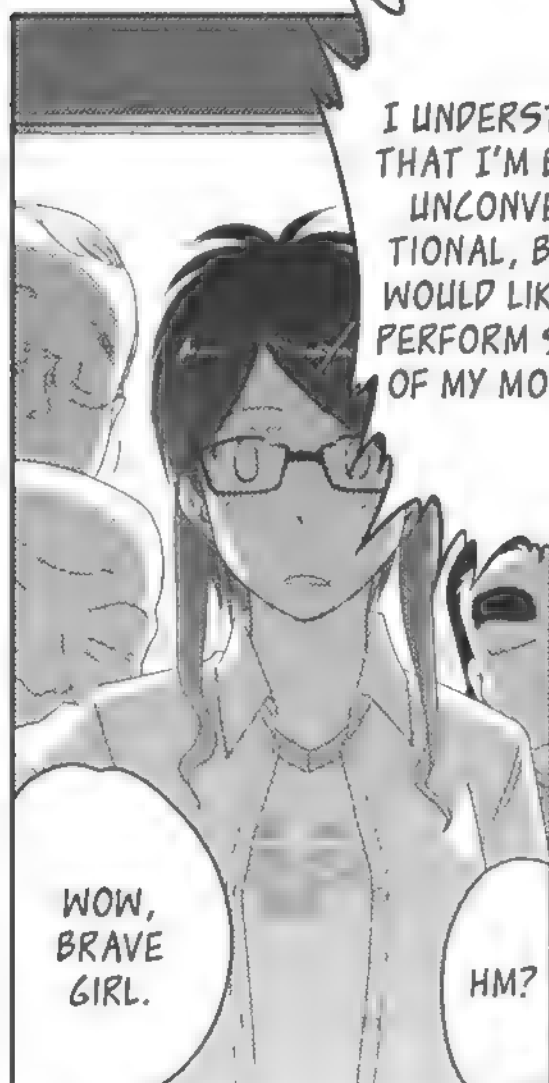


PLEASE
EXCUSE
ME.



SORRY TO BE
DISTURBING
YOU SO LATE!

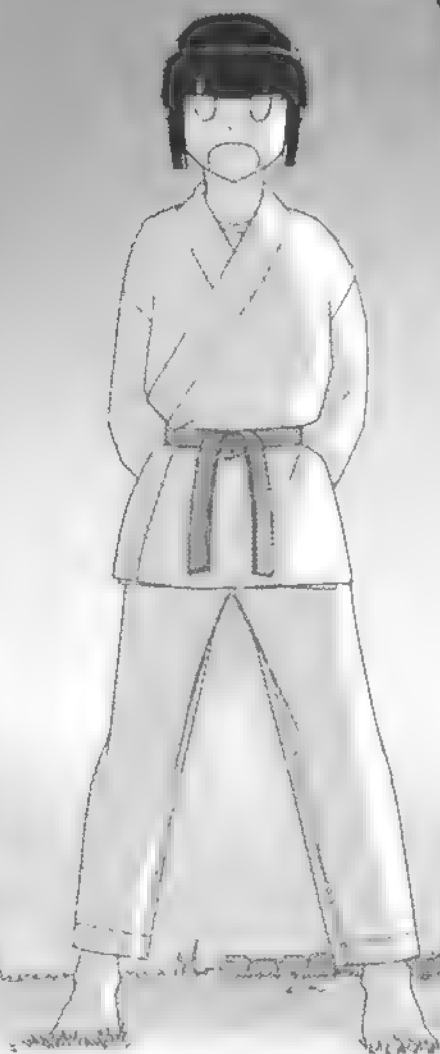
I AM SEMIMARU
MAYU, FROM
GIRLS' KARATE
CLUB AT UMEDA
HIGH SCHOOL.
I'VE COME TO
WISH A HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!!



I UNDERSTAND
THAT I'M BEING
UNCONVEN-
TIONAL, BUT I
WOULD LIKE TO
PERFORM SOME
OF MY MOVES.

WOW,
BRAVE
GIRL.

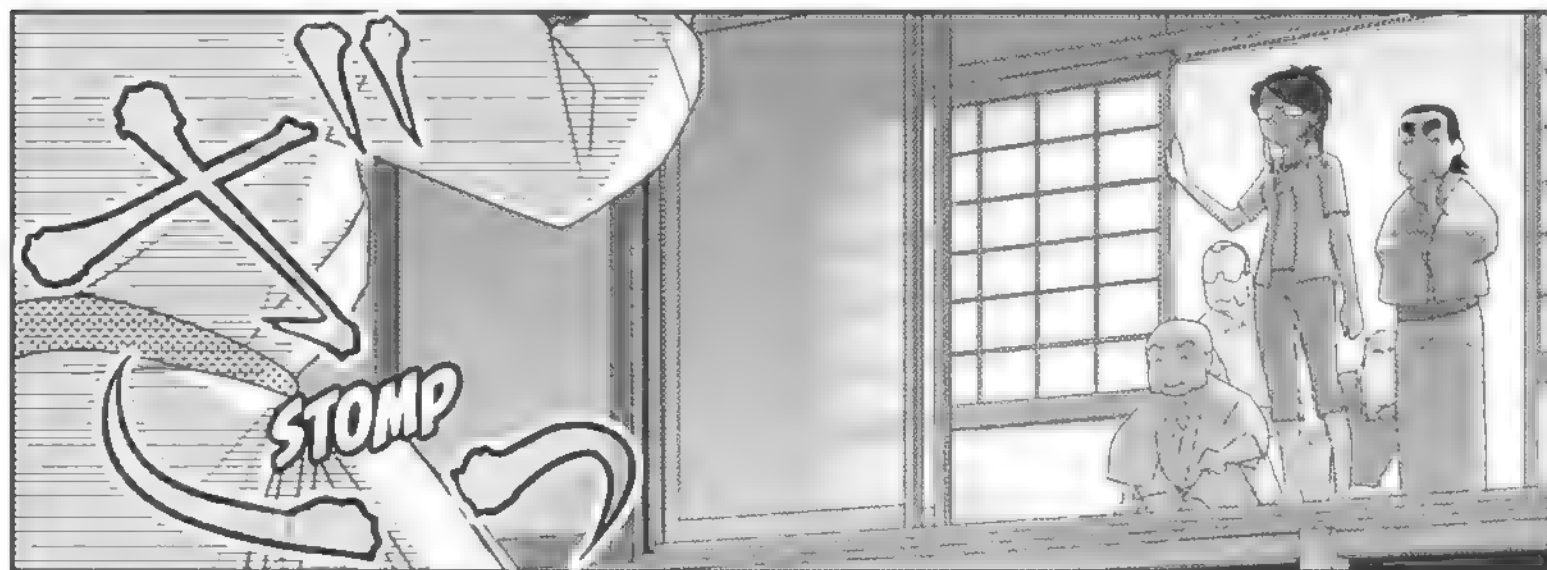
HM?



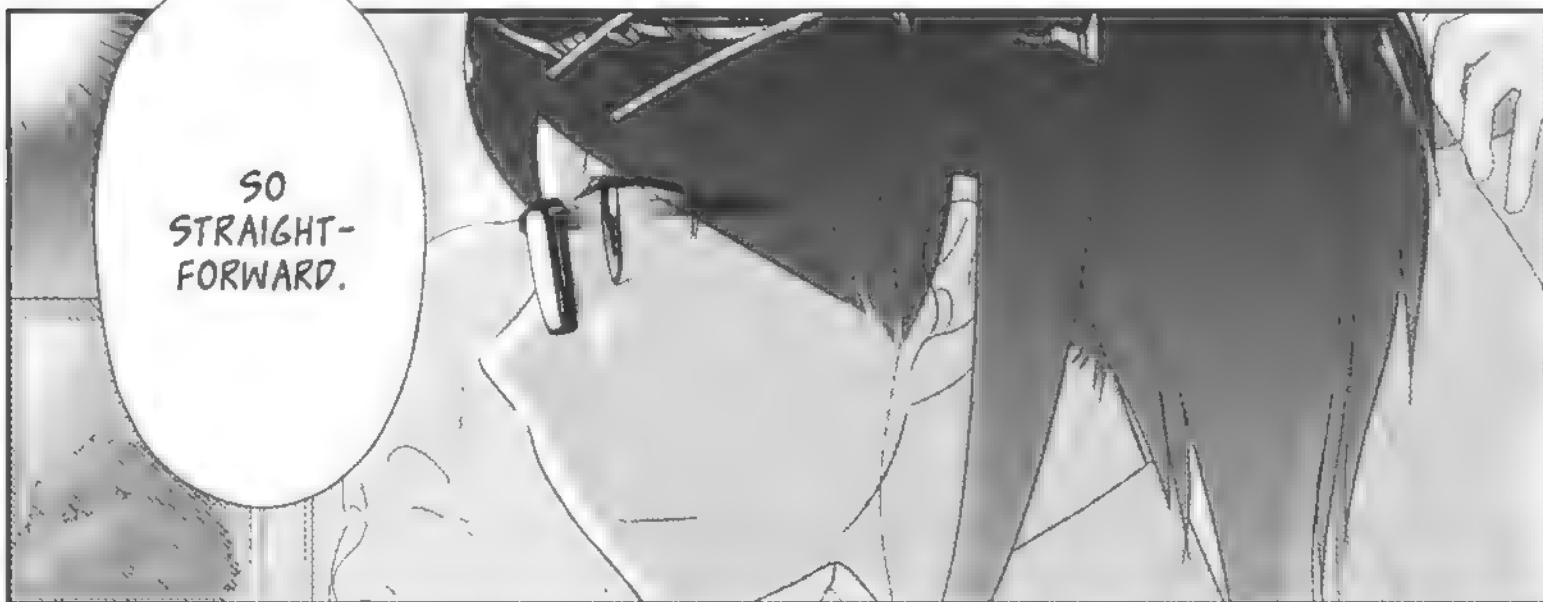
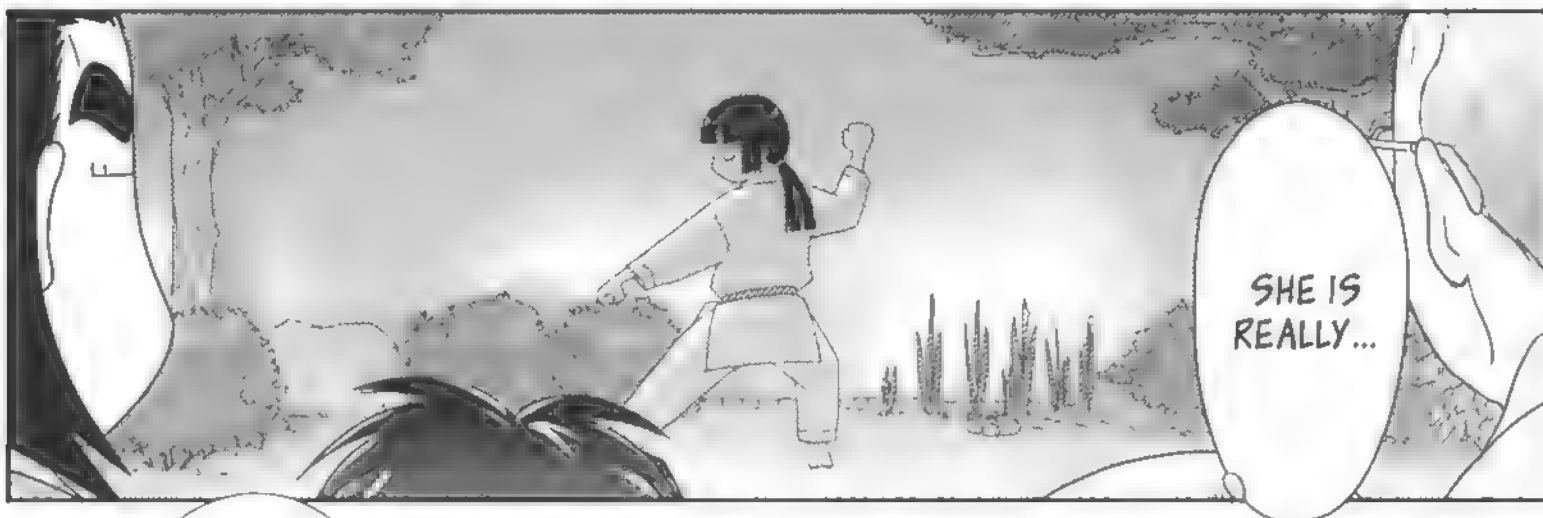
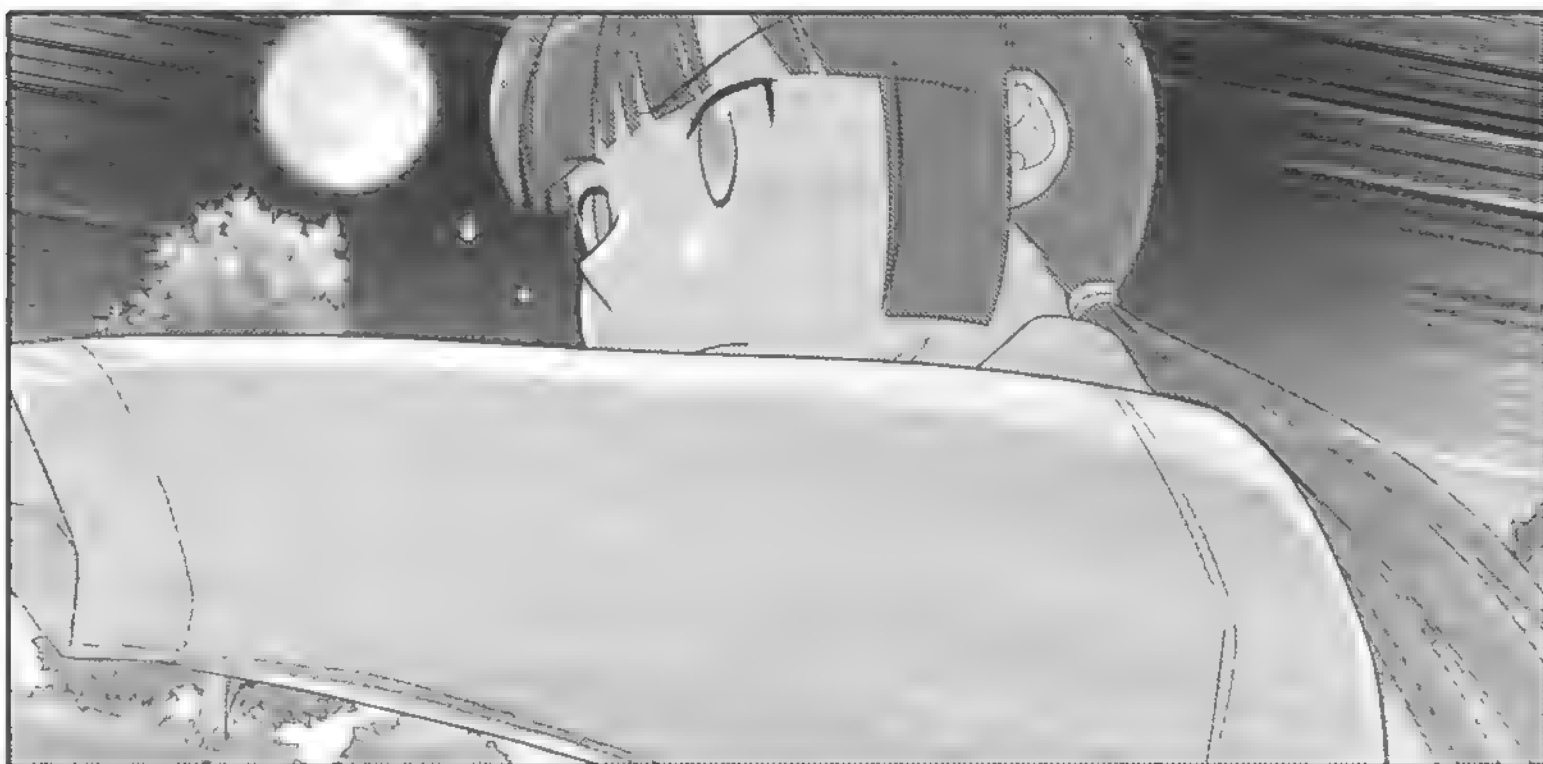
I WOULD LIKE TO
WISH MURASAME
SUMIKA, WHOM
I RESPECT AND
ADMIRE,
WONDERFUL
THINGS IN HER
FUTURE.



SEMIMA-
RU-SAN...



STOMP





I'M

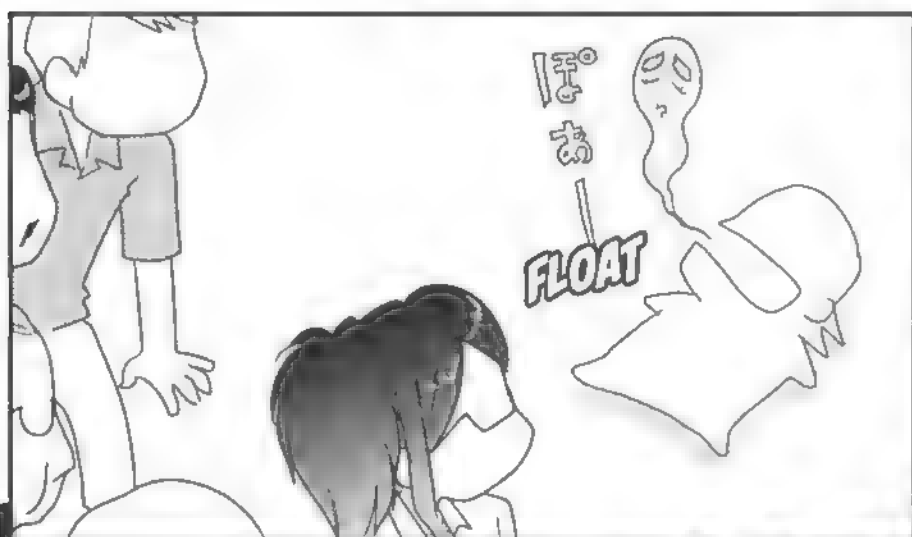
IN LOVE.

DAD...





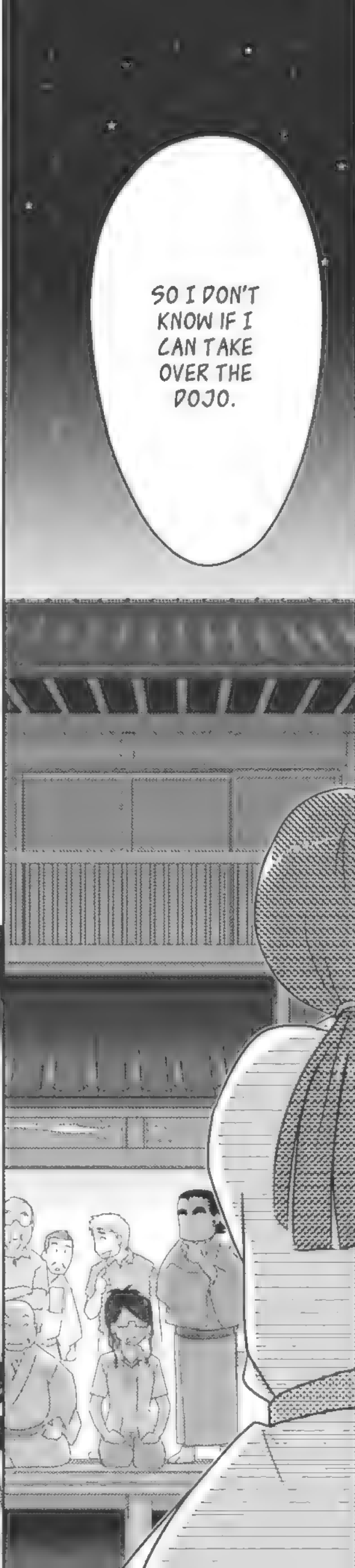
SO I DON'T
KNOW IF I
CAN TAKE
OVER THE
DOJO.



AND SO IT
GOES...

なに
てんかい
天海君!
WHAT'S
WRONG,
TENKAI-KUN!

D... DAD?!





HACHISUKA-SEMPAI TOLD ME ON THE PHONE.

SO IN THE END, YET AGAIN, THINGS HAVE NOT COME TO ANY SORT OF RESOLUTION.



SO I JUST THOUGHT IF I COULD SOMEHOW DESTROY THE ATMOSPHERE.

I HEARD THEY WERE TRYING TO... ARRANGE SOMETHING BETWEEN YOU TWO,



IS THAT WHY YOU PUT ON THAT PERFORMANCE?

SHE TOLD ME TO HELP YOU, SINCE YOU WERE IN TROUBLE.

WELL THAT WAS...



MAYBE EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT IN THE END, AFTER ALL.

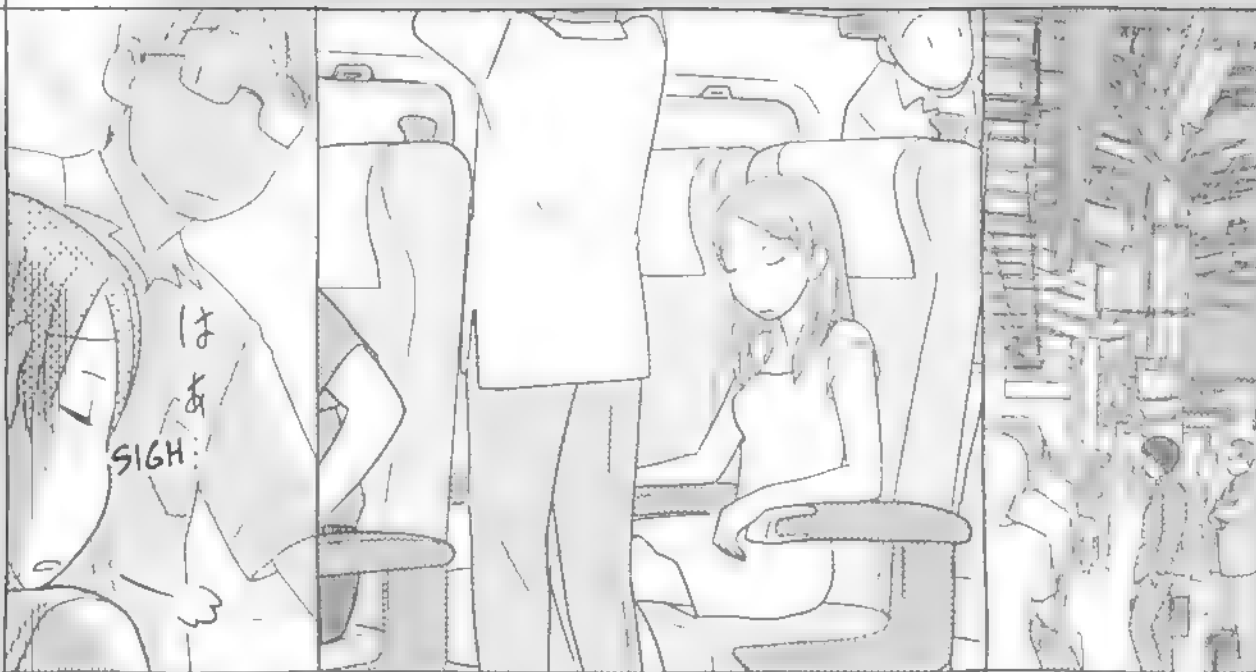
I DIDN'T THINK THEY'D GIVE ME A BLACK BELT.

WHAT A LOUSY DOJO... SERIOUSLY.

OH WELL, ONE OF THE MASTERS GAVE IT TO YOU SO...

まあ流派の
エライ人が
揃ってたからね

蛇足の49
EXTRA #49



THEY'RE THE
PEOPLE WHO
RAISED YOU.

AFTER ALL

EVERY-
THING'LL
BE OKAY.

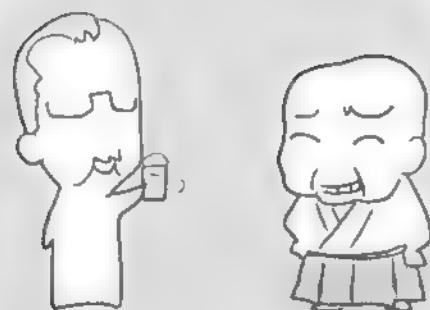


YOU'RE
ABOUT TO
COMPLIMENT
ME, RIGHT?

HEY...

SERIOUSLY...
YOU'RE
SUCH A...





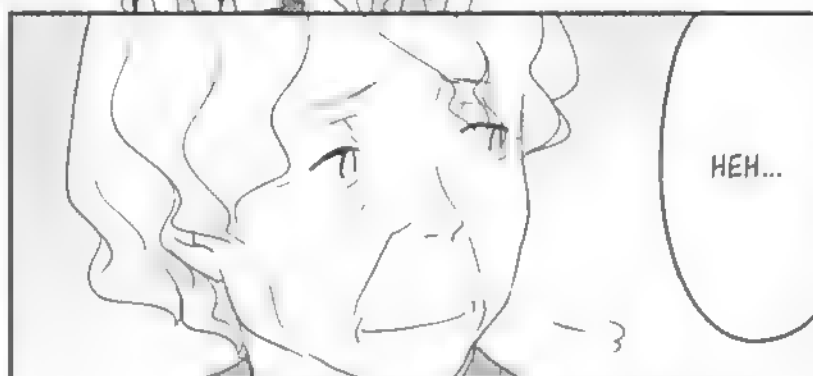


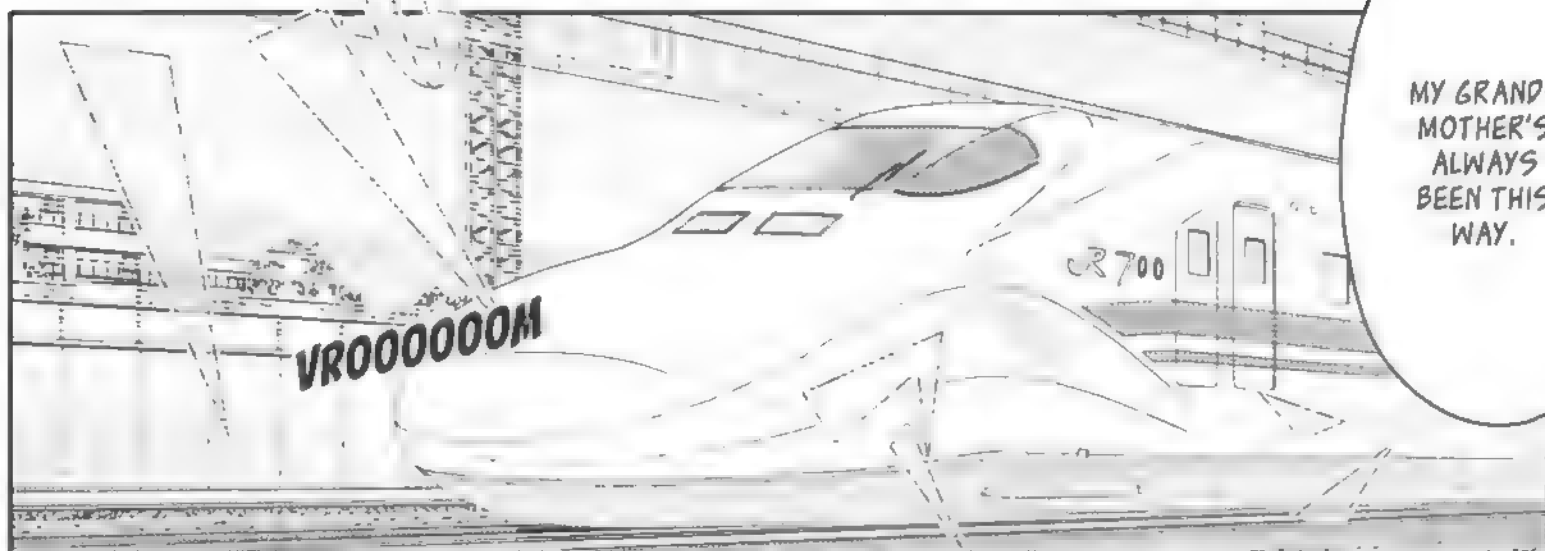
part fifty ~connection~











MY GRAND-
MOTHER'S
ALWAYS
BEEN THIS
WAY.



WE'RE
ALMOST
THERE.



MM, NOT
REALLY.

HAMMM

ARE YOU
OKAY?

YOU DIDN'T
SLEEP
MUCH LAST
NIGHT, DID
YOU?



BUT

IT WAS MY
DECISION,
SO.

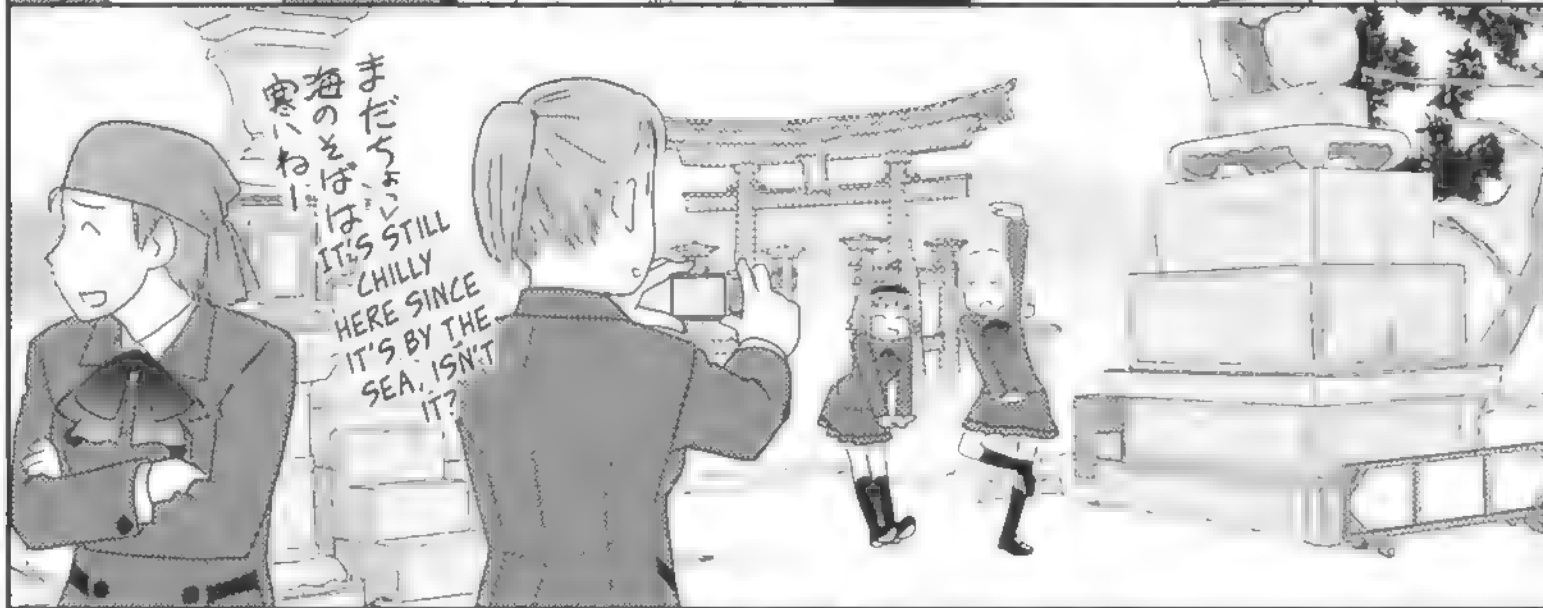


CHAN!

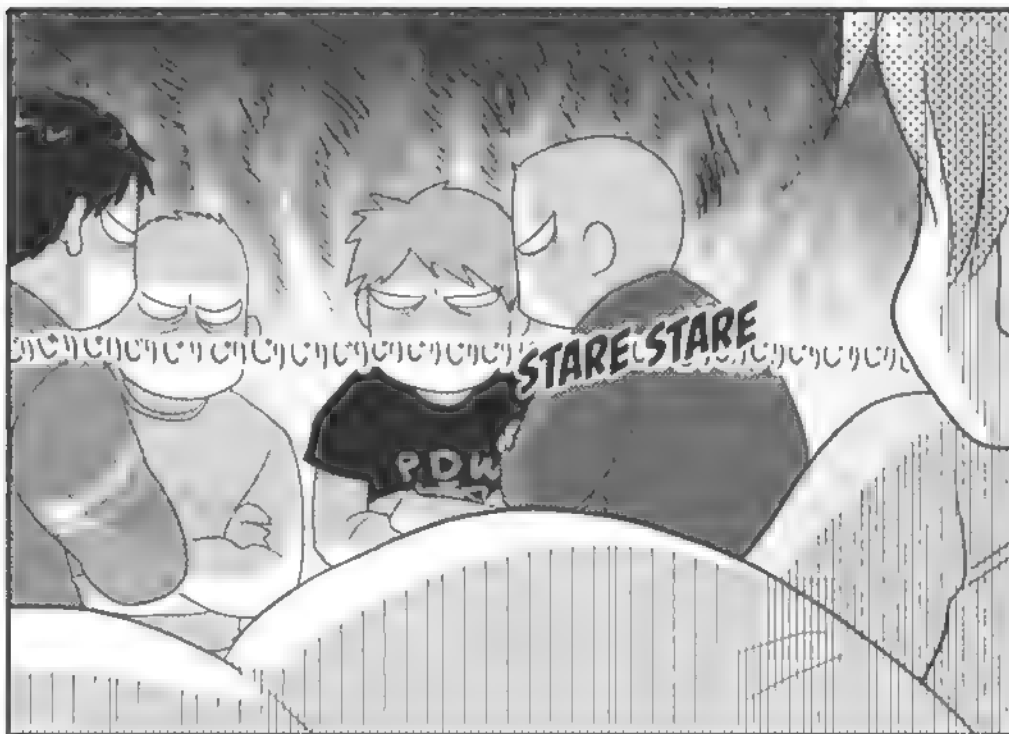
SU-MI-
CHAN!



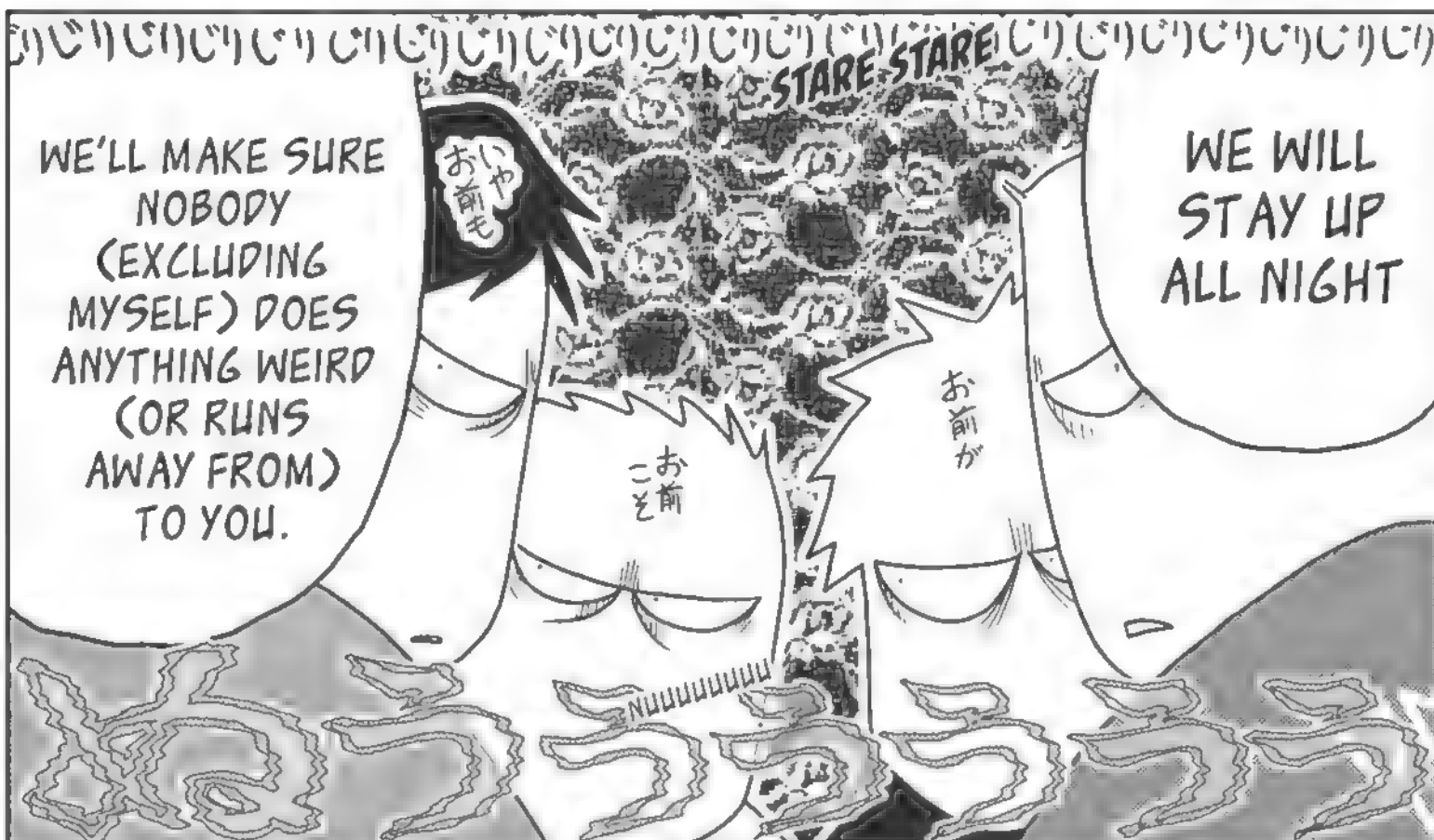


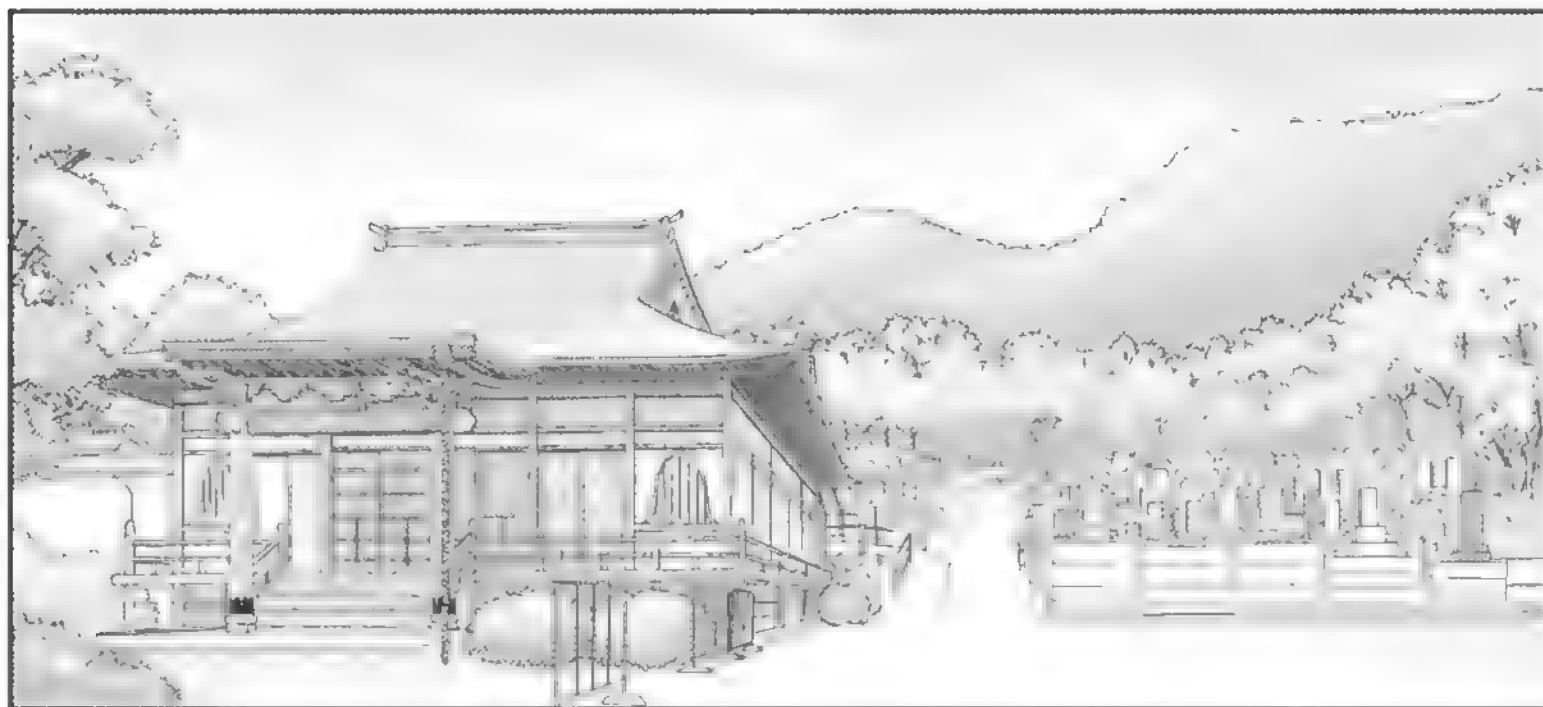


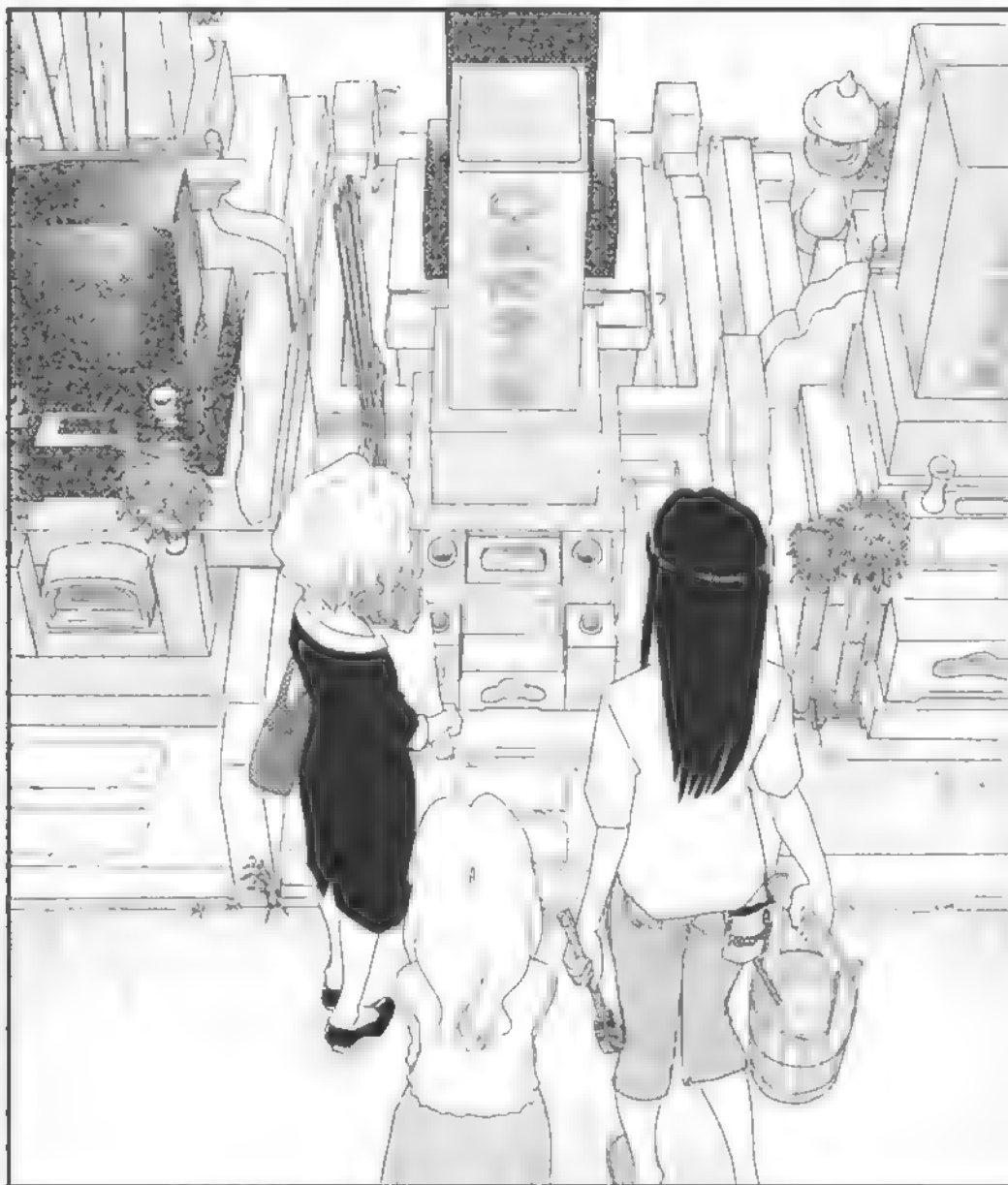
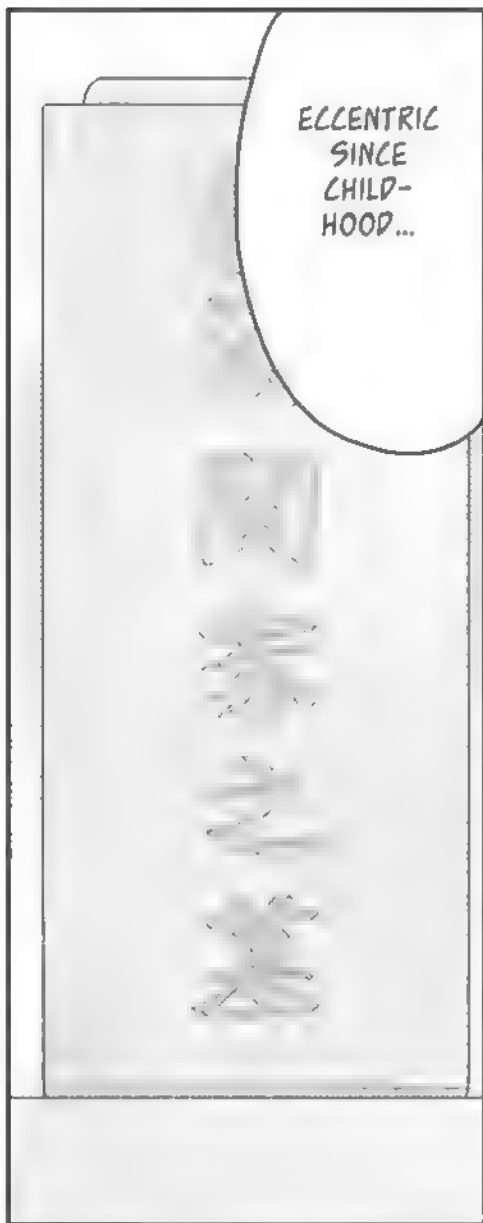
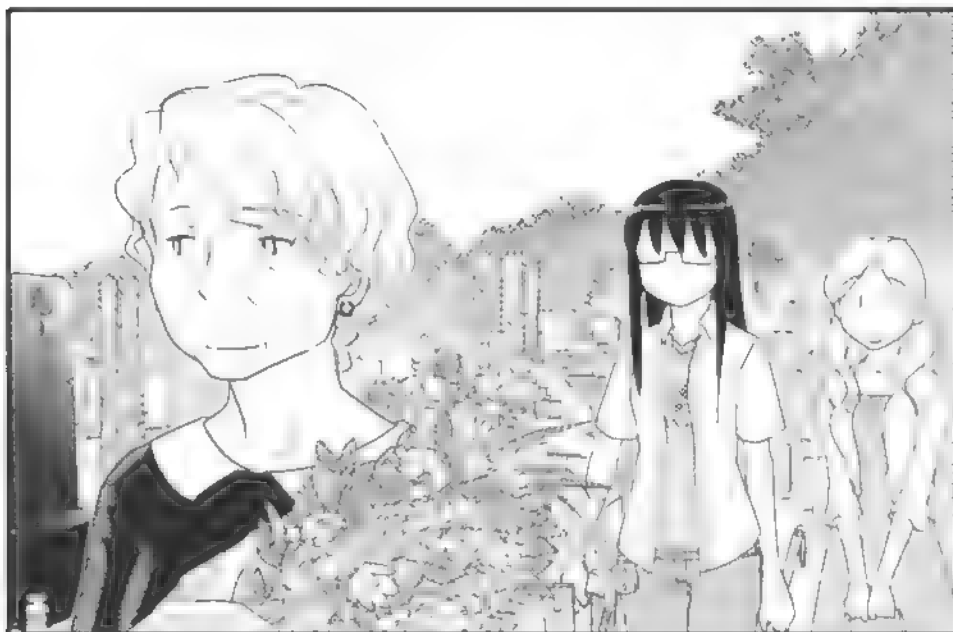




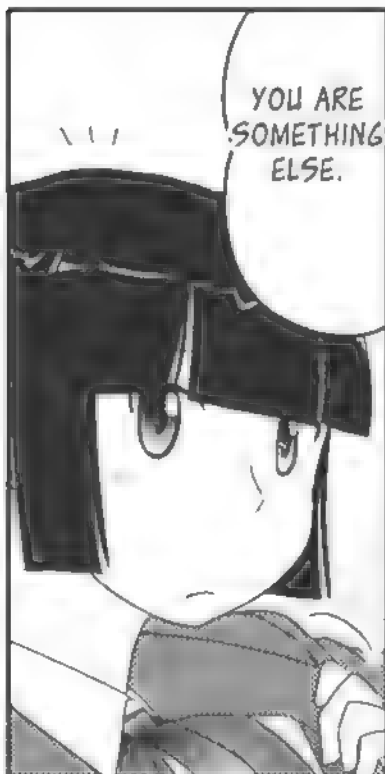
SO LAST
NIGHT....













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PEEP!

HER MOTHER

WAS MY STUDENT.



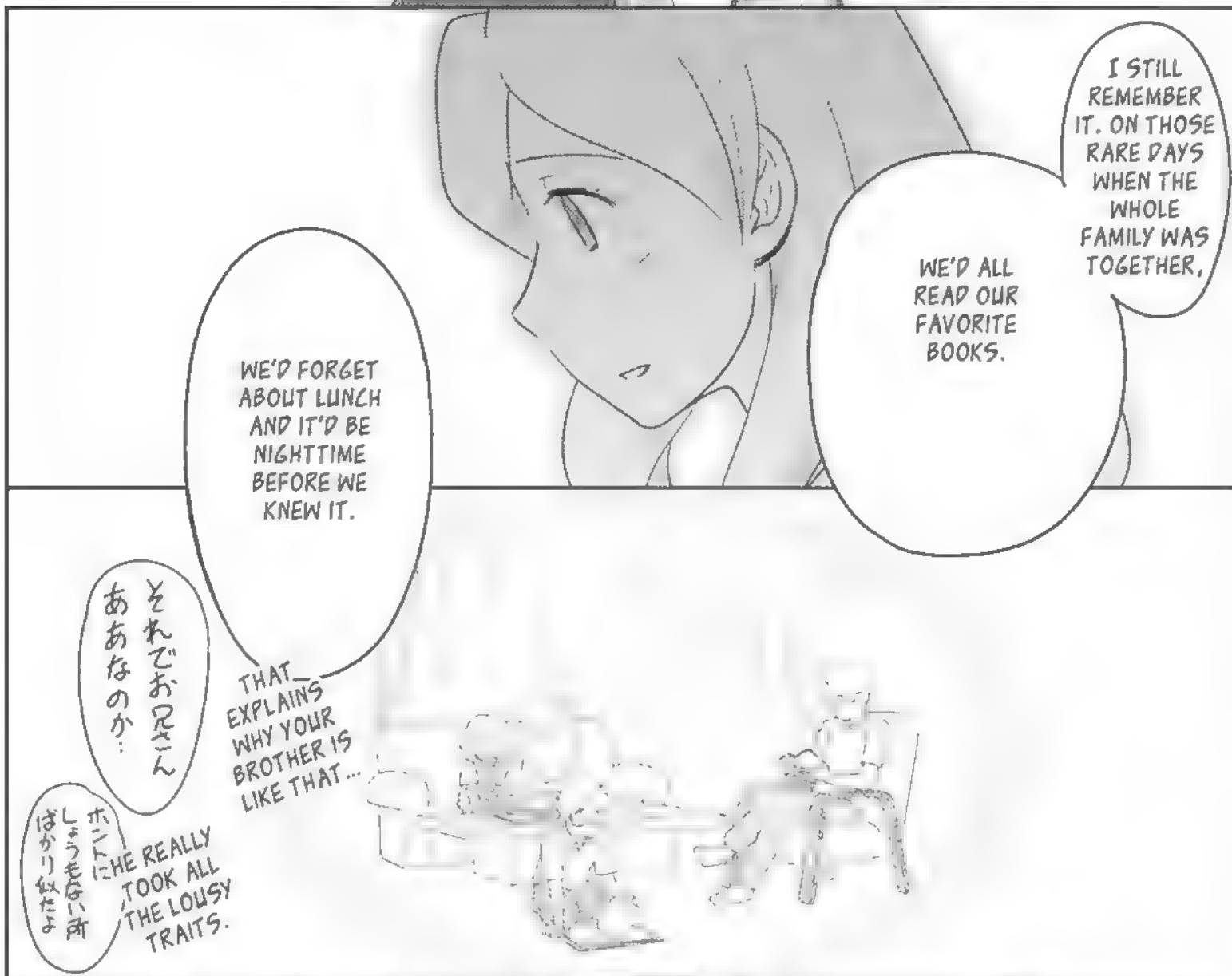


YE...
YEAH.



WELL,
LET'S
JUST GO
BACK FOR
NOW!

ハイも
つながない
OUR CELL-
PHONES
DON'T
HAVE
SERVICE.



WE'D FORGET
ABOUT LUNCH
AND IT'D BE
NIGHTTIME
BEFORE WE
KNEW IT.

WE'D ALL
READ OUR
FAVORITE
BOOKS.

I STILL
REMEMBER
IT. ON THOSE
RARE DAYS
WHEN THE
WHOLE
FAMILY WAS
TOGETHER,

そんでお兄さん
ああなのか...

ポイントに
しようもない所
ばかり似たよ

THAT
EXPLAINS
WHY YOUR
BROTHER IS
LIKE THAT...

HE REALLY
TOOK ALL
THE LOUSY
TRAITS.



IT'S NOT
SUCH A BIG
DEAL.

AND MAYBE
THAT'S WHY
I'M ALSO
DIFFERENT
FROM OTHER
PEOPLE.



BUT...

EVEN IF
YOU'RE A BIT
OFF,

TO MY
MOTHER AND
FATHER,

I'M STILL THAT
INNOCENT LITTLE
GIRL.

THE WORLD IS
A BIG PLACE.



TELLING
THEM, "THIS
IS MY GIRL-
FRIEND,"

I WONDER
HOW THEY
WOULD'VE....



IF I INTRO-
DUCED YOU
TO THEM,



WOW!





OF COURSE.



SMILE,

USHIO.



OF COURSE.

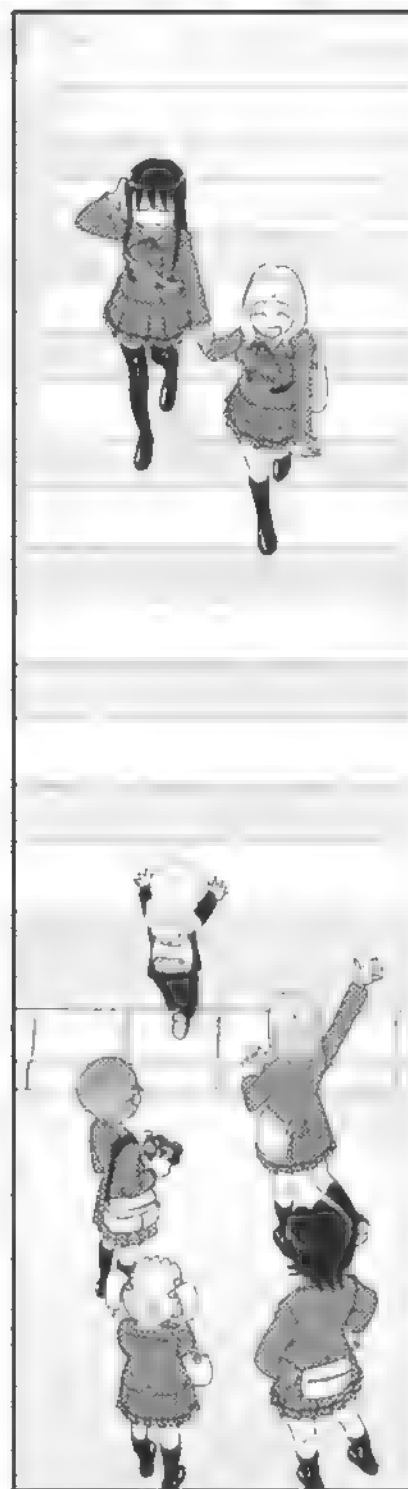


THAT SMILE.

YES,



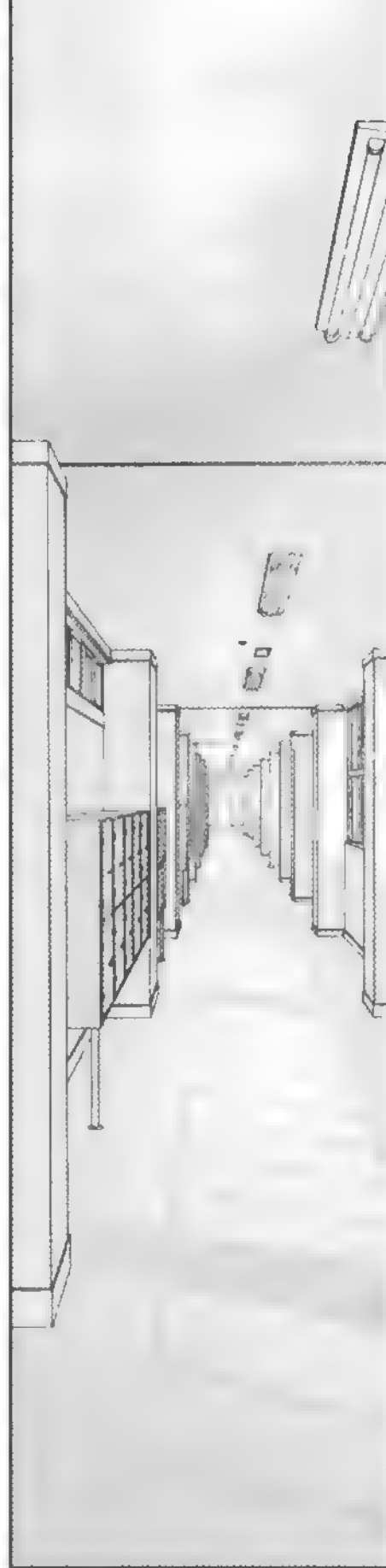
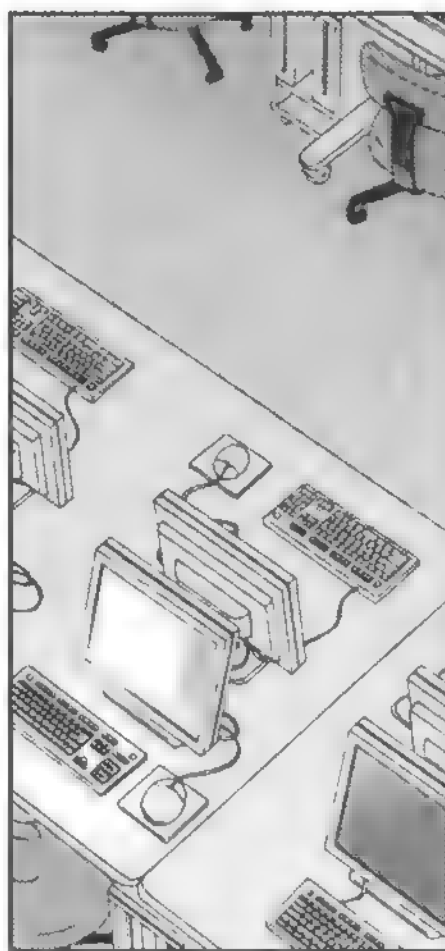
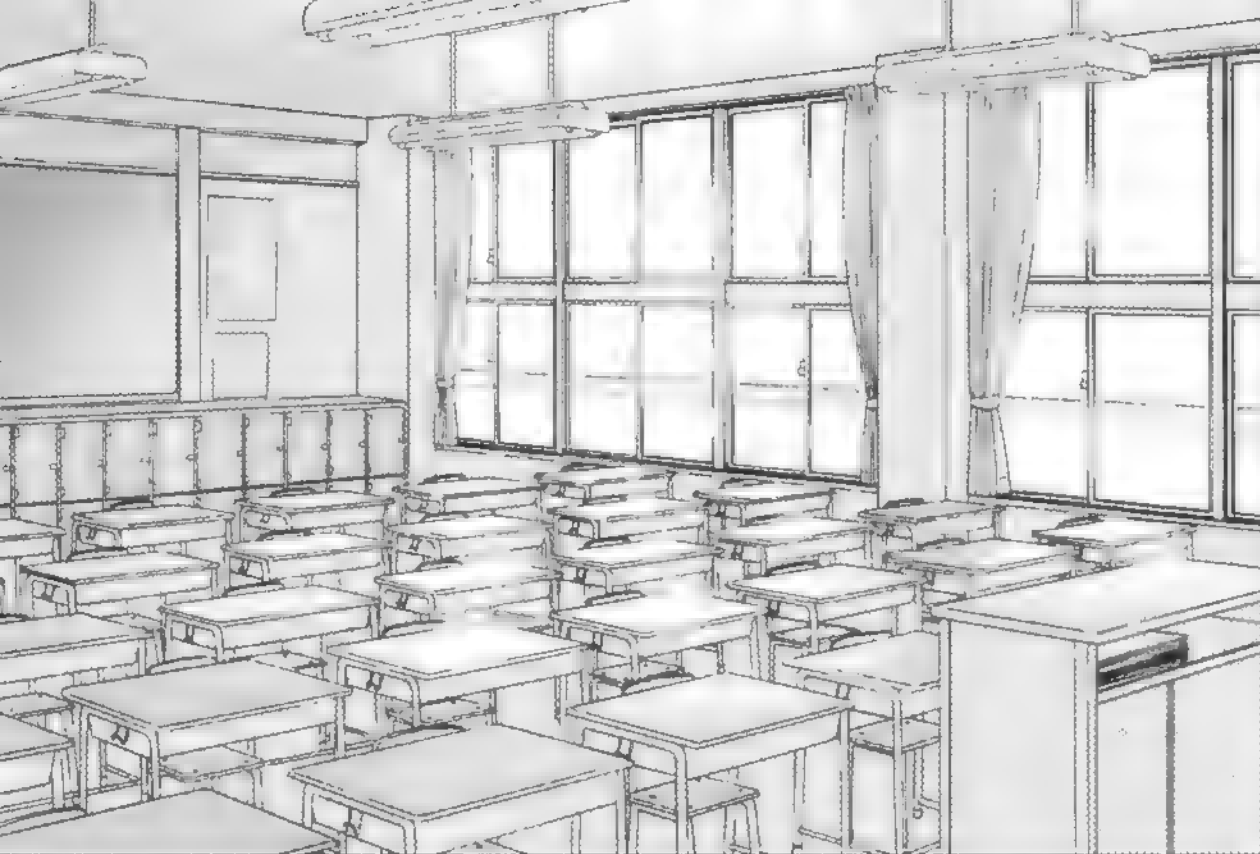
IT LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE THE SMILE
THEY ALWAYS HAD WHEN
SOMETHING GOOD HAPPENED.



蛇足の50
EXTRA #50







私の恋は 孤島の花

MY LOVE IS A FLOWER ON AN ABANDONED ISLAND.

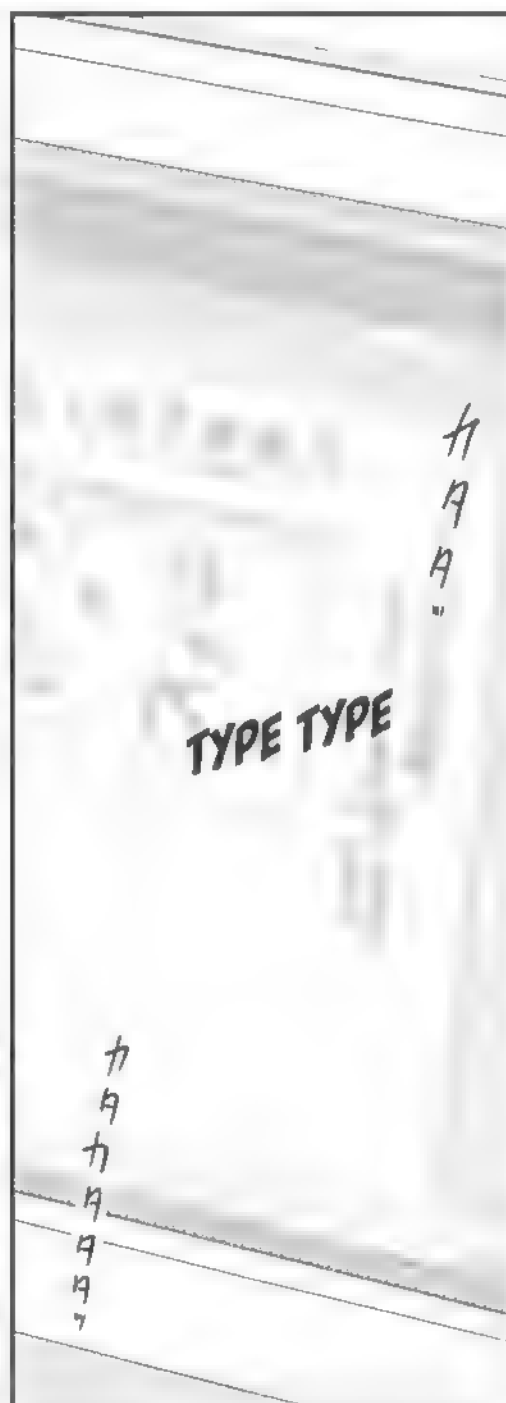
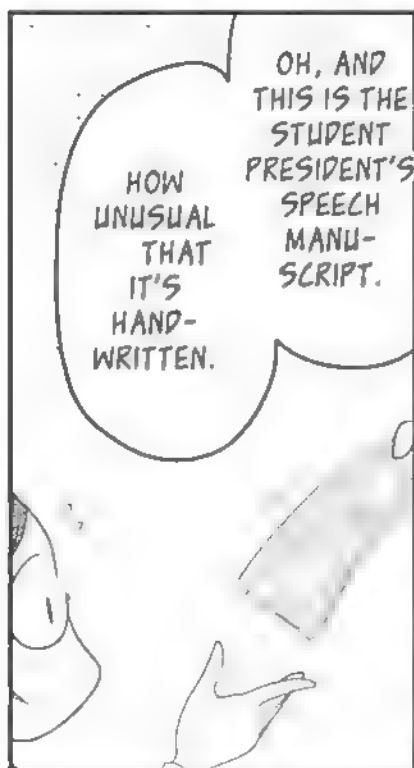
part fifty-one ~flowers~

WELCOME, NEW
STUDENTS.

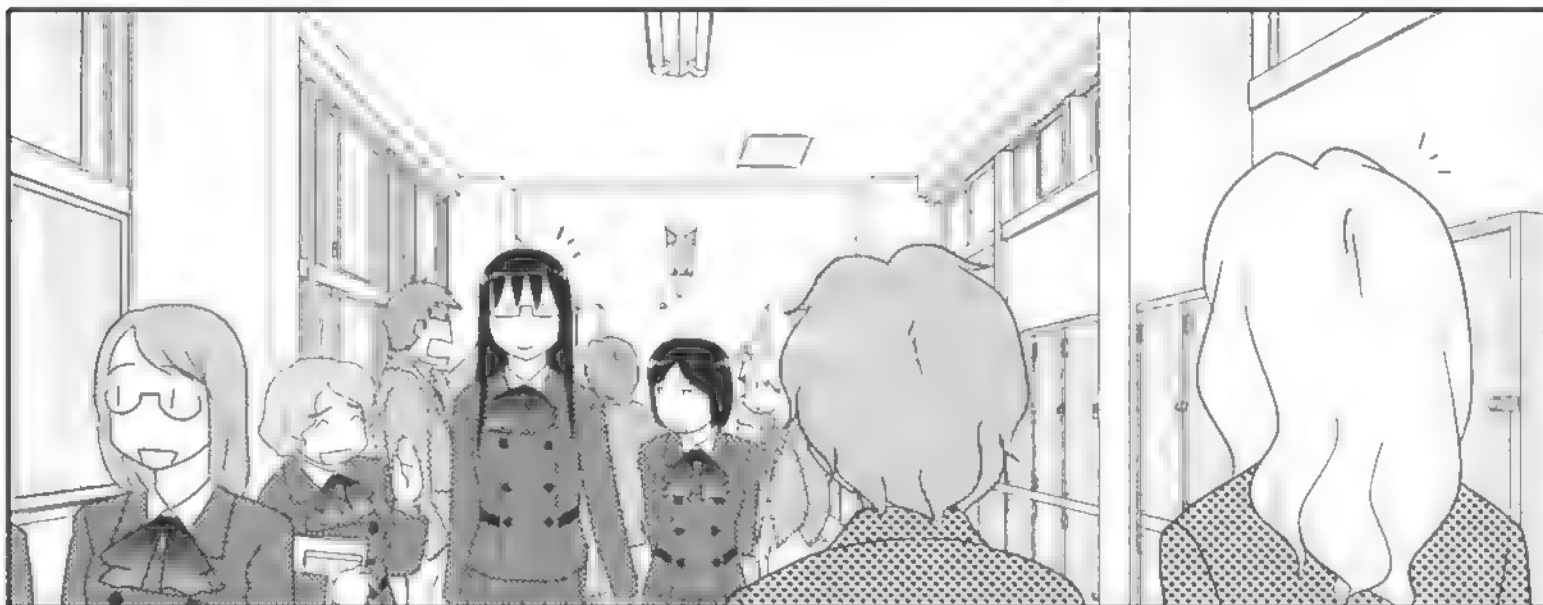
WELCOME
TO OUR
SCHOOL.

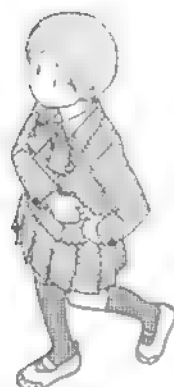
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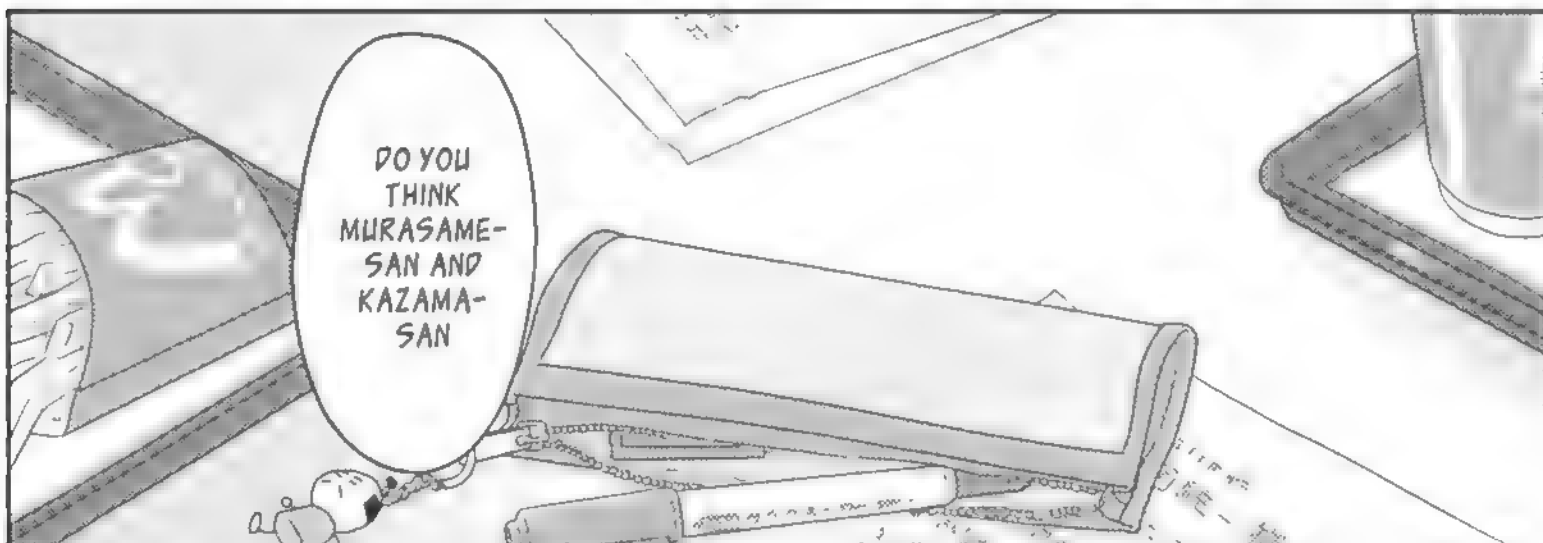




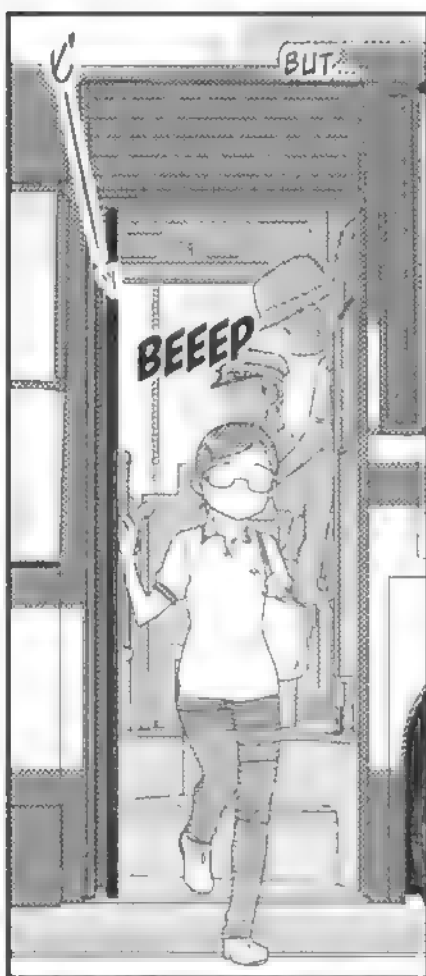


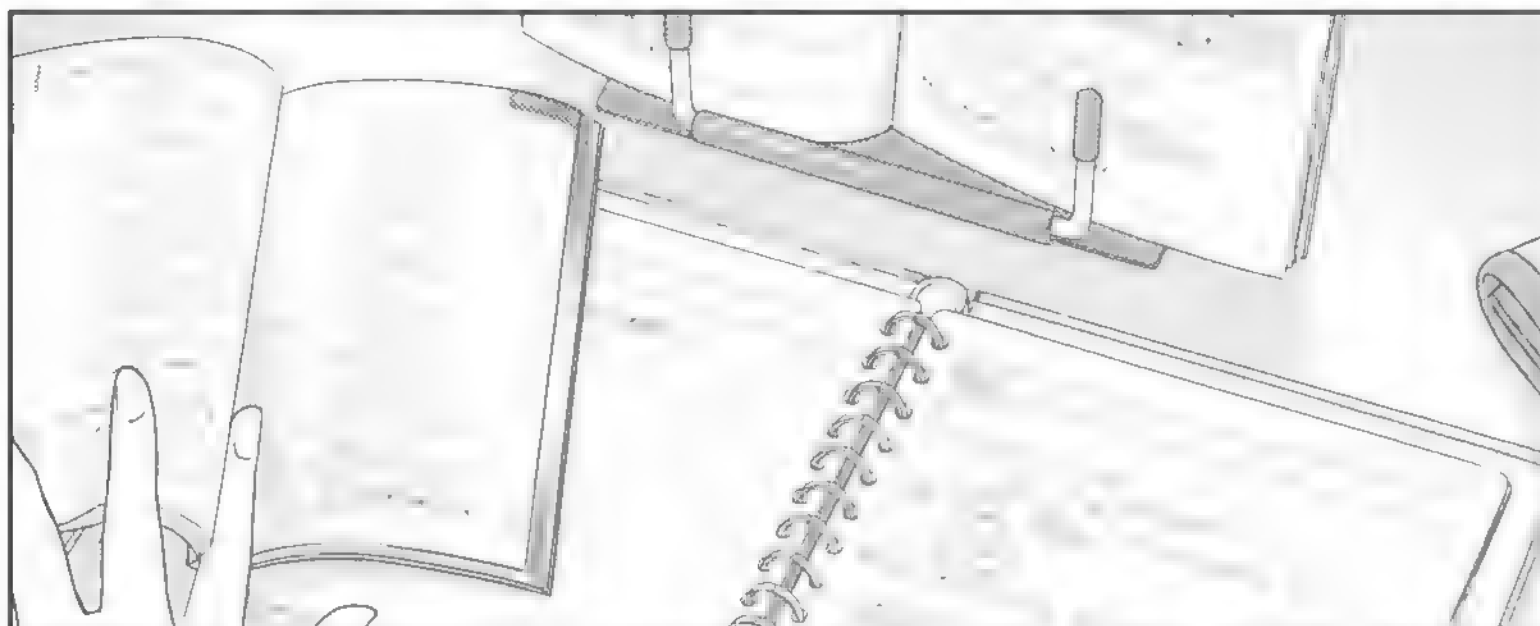
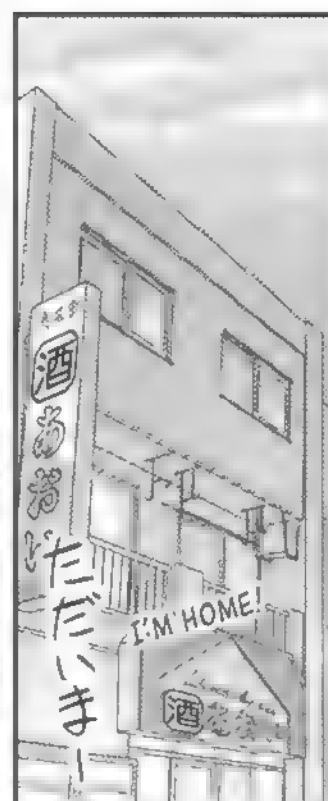
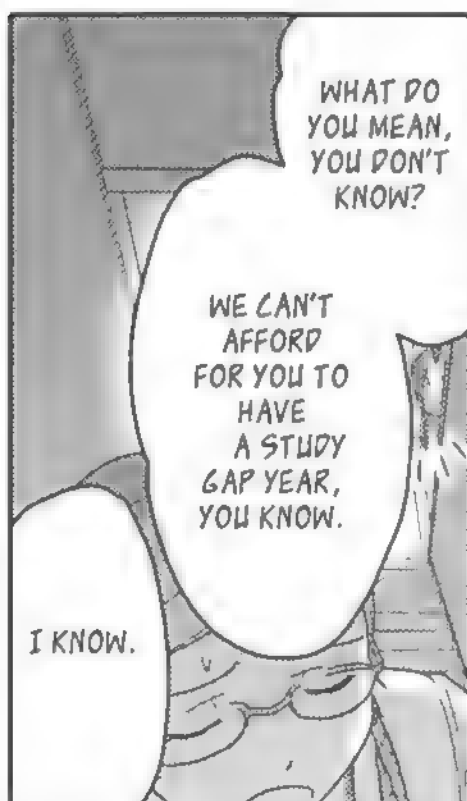








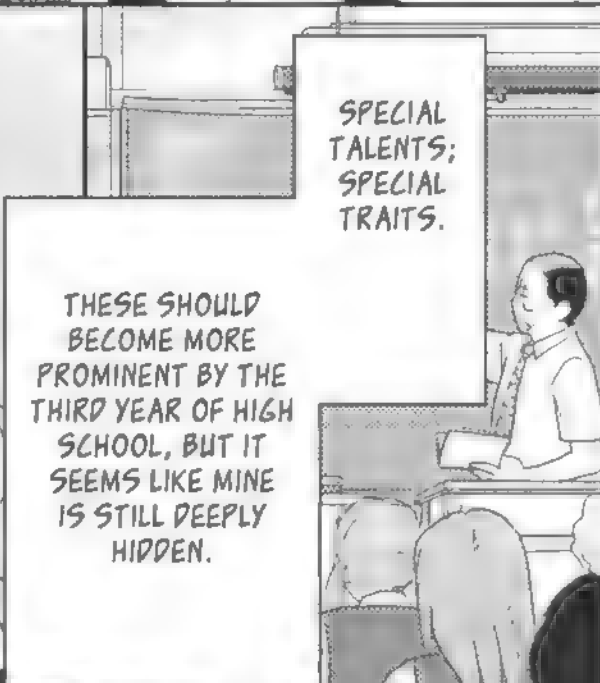
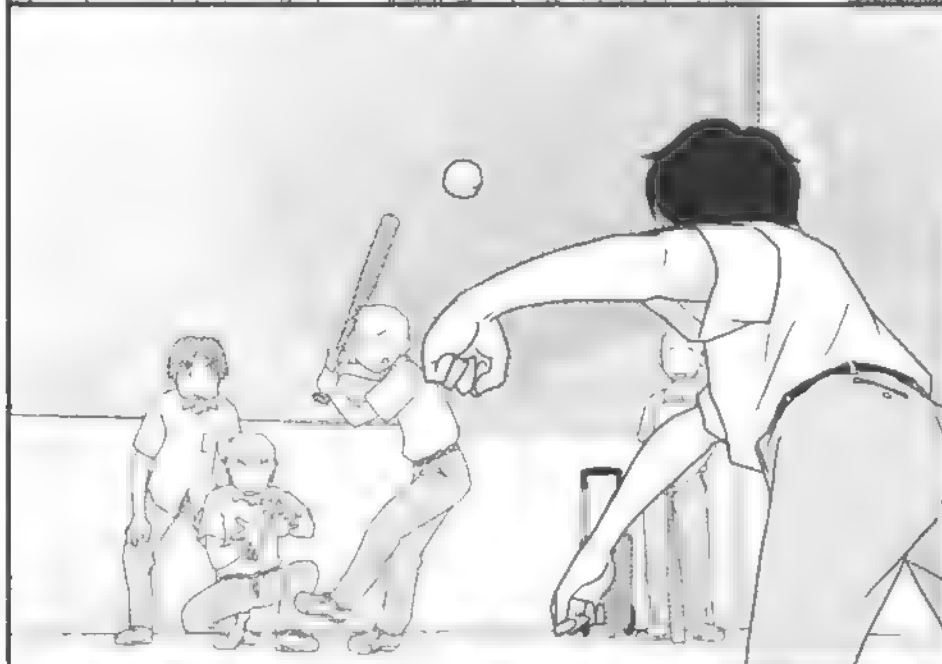
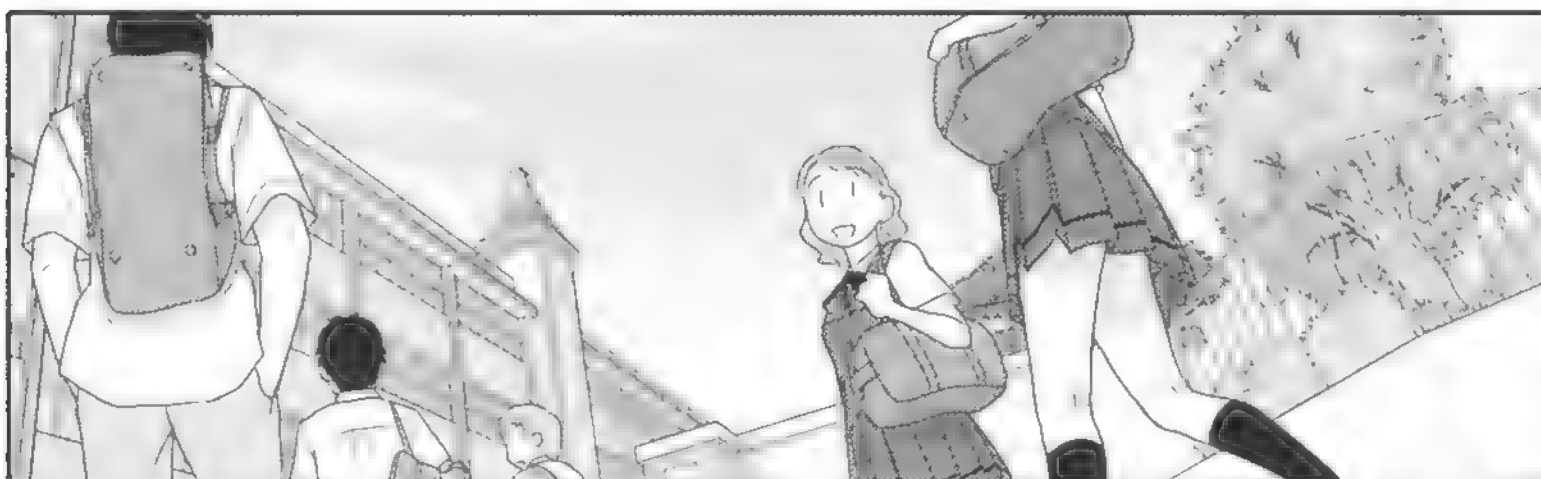




私の恋は 孤島の花

"MY LOVE IS A FLOWER ON AN ABANDONED ISLAND"





THE ONE BE-
TWEEN THOSE
TWO.

ONE WAY OR
ANOTHER
THE LOVE I
WITNESSED:





Wooooooooo!



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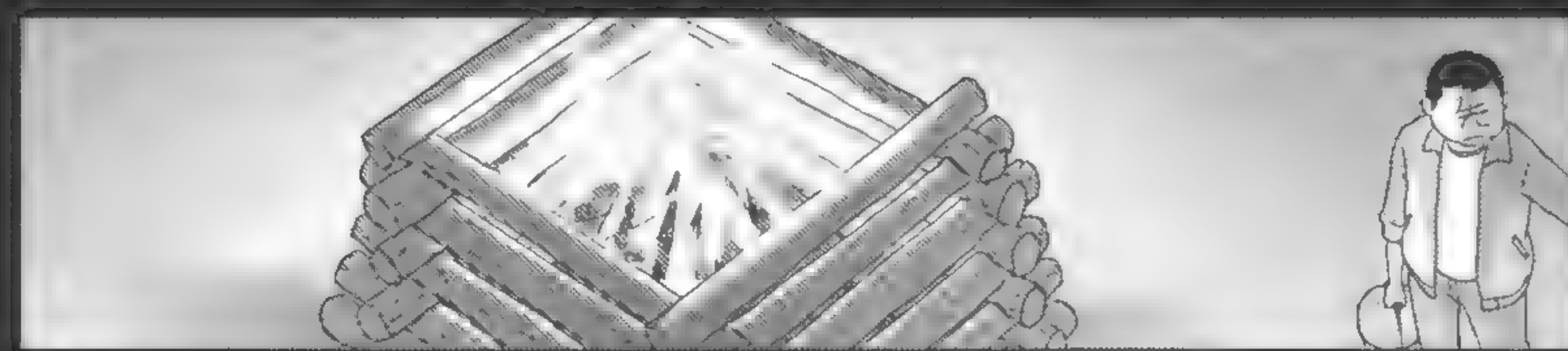
こゝのは毎年
盛り上がり
ますねえ

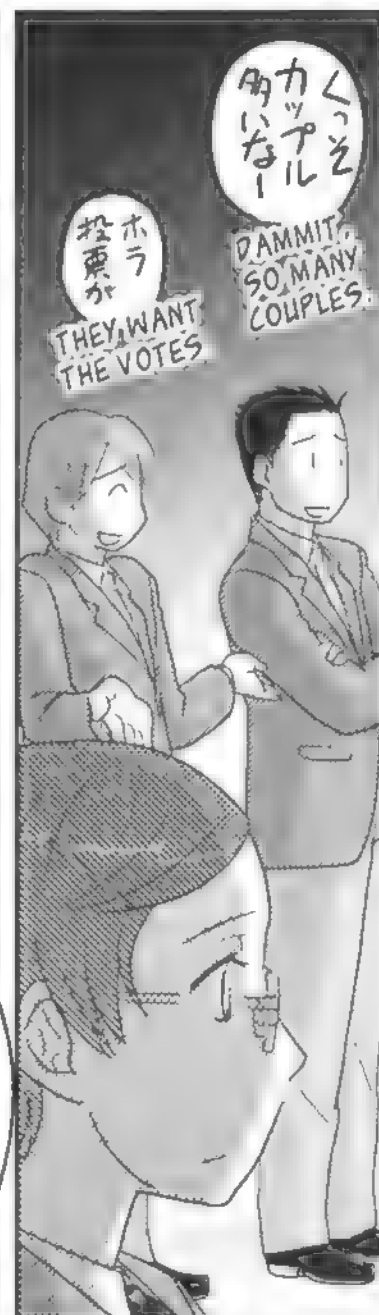
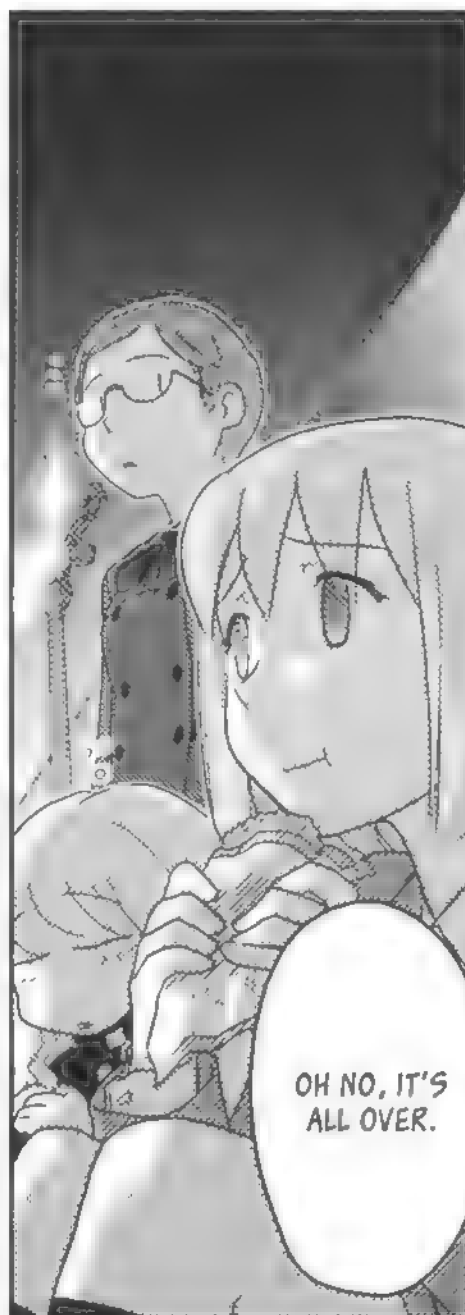
今日、
体育祭
ですか

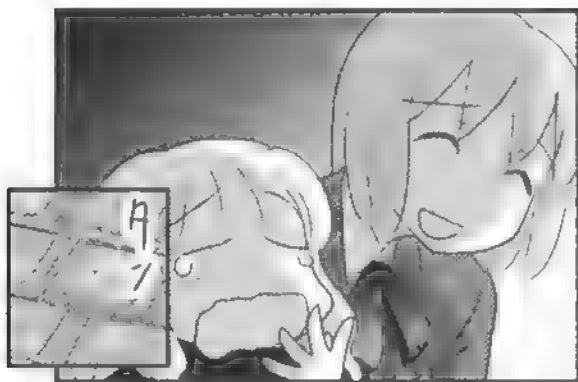
JOHN, TO-
DAY IS THE
SPORTS
FESTIVAL.
IS IT?

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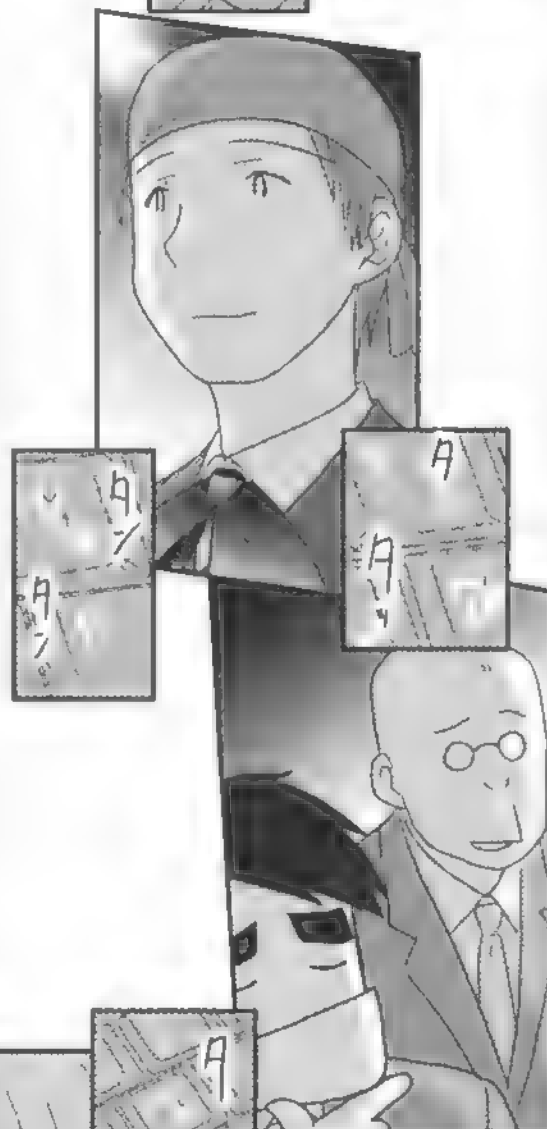
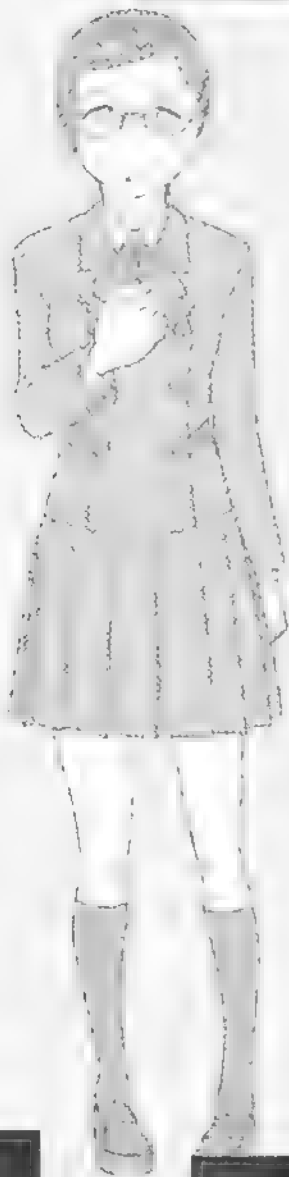
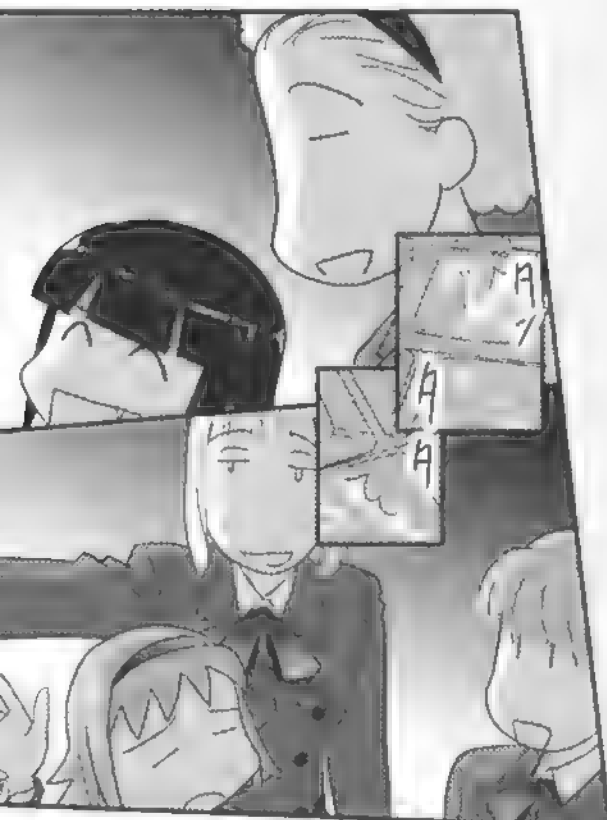




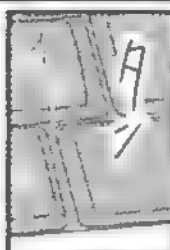
TYPE



TYPE



TYPE





TYPE

WHAT'S SPECIAL...



IS NOT THE TWO OF THEM BUT...

TYPE



ACTUALLY
DATING?

ARE THOSE
TWO...



THAT JUST
MEANS
REALITY
DOESN'T
ALWAYS
MATCH
EXPECTA-
TION.

BUT DIDN'T
KAZAMA-
CHAN LIKE
CUTESY
GIRLS?

YEAH,
YEAH,

I THINK SO,
THEY'VE
BEEN
FRIENDS
FOR A
LONG TIME,
AND...



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?



WHAT
WERE
WE
TALKING
ABOUT?



YEAH.
PEOPLE
YOU NEVER
THOUGHT
YOU'D BE
ATTRACTED
TO...

ONCE YOU
LIKE SOME-
BODY...
RIGHT?
HAPPENS,
RIGHT?

WAIT A
SECOND.

WAIT!

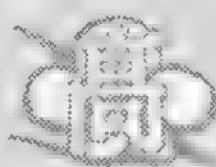
WEREN'T WE
JUST TALKING
ABOUT LOVE?

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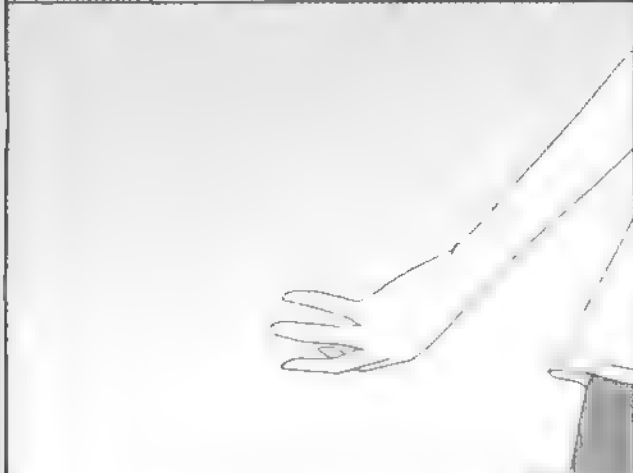
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THE 35TH ANNUAL UMEDA PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY.



蛇足の51

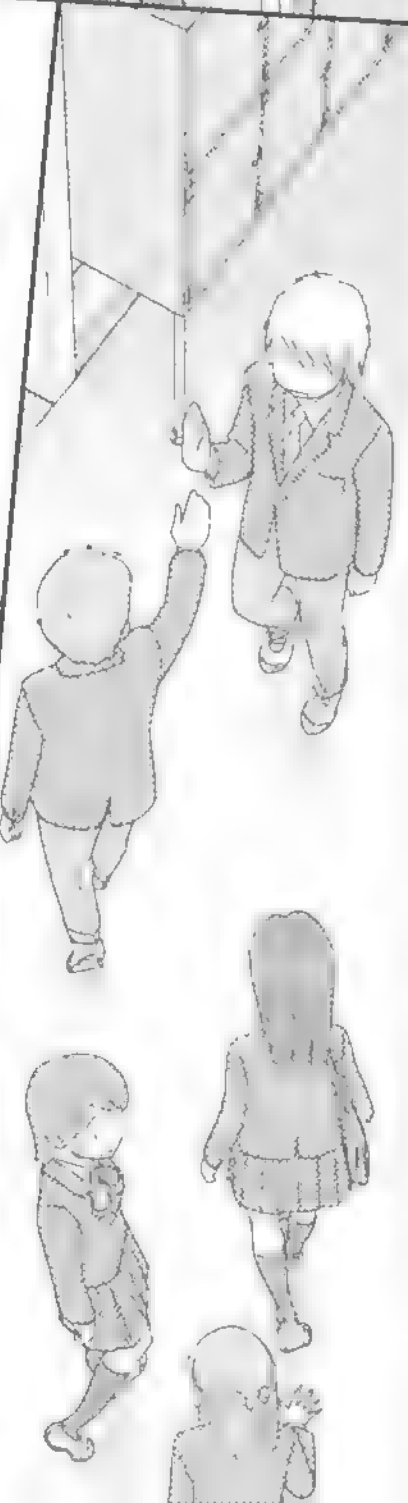
EXTRA #51







part fifty-two
- graduation -





ARE LOVERS?!

MURASAME-SAN AND YOU, USHIO-CHAN...



WHA... WHAT?!

YOU GUYS KNEW ALL THIS TIME?!

FINALLY... AT LAST...


や、とかー

や、とか

や、とか



IT'S FINE BUT...



ゴメンネ
I COULDN'T FIND THE RIGHT MOMENT TO TELL YOU... I'M SORRY.







THAT'S
CRAZY, DOES
MURASAME-SAN
KNOW WHAT
SHE'S DOING?

WHAAAT?
SERIOUSLY?

YOU
HAVEN'T,
HAVE YOU...?

WHAAAAAT

GULP

I GET IT... YOU
GUYS WERE
FRIENDS FOR
A LONG TIME
BEFORE AND
STUFF, SO...

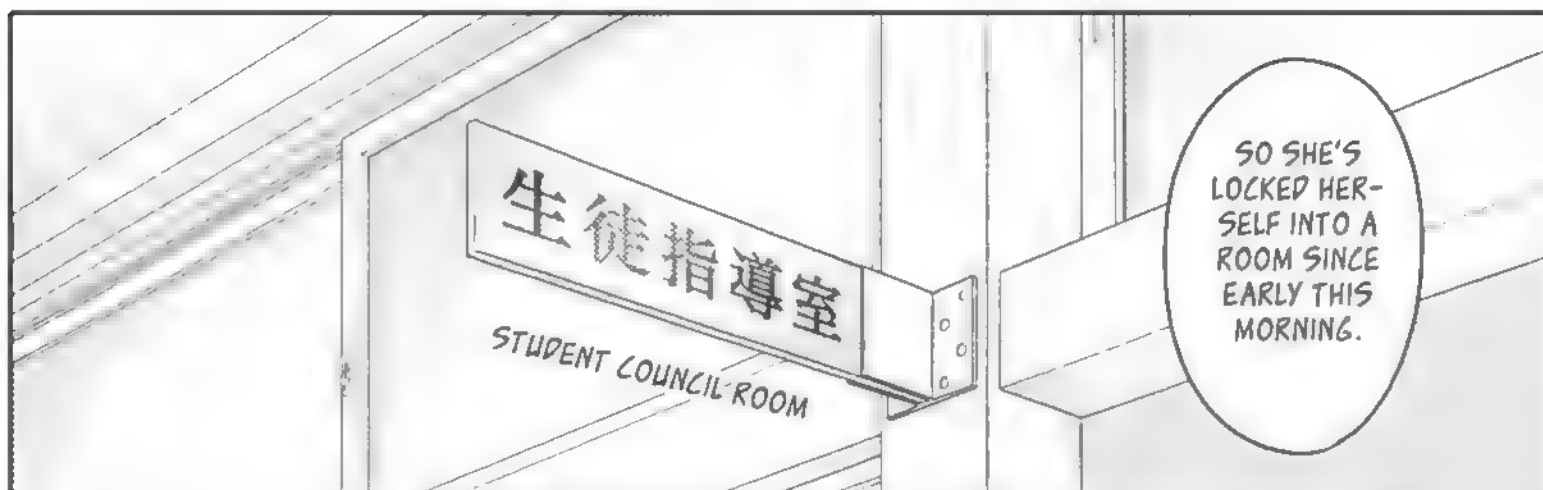
WELL...
YES.

THERE...
THERE'S
SOMETHING
CALLED TIM-
ING.

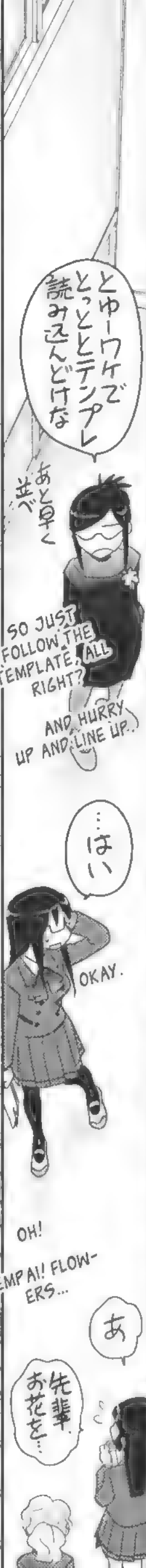
MURASAME-
KUN ACTUALLY
TOLD ME SHE'S
STRUGGLING
RIGHT NOW TO
WRITE UP HER
GRADUATION
SPEECH.

CLASS ONE
IS ON THE
SECOND
FLOOR.

WHERE IS
MURASAME-
SAN, ANYWAY?







THANK YOU.

とゆーわけ
でとってテン
アレ
読み込ん
どけな

あ
と
そ
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き
な
い

SO JUST
FOLLOW THE
TEMPLATE, ALL
RIGHT?

AND HURRY
UP AND LINE UP.

GOOD THING YOU
MADE IT!

肉に合
て
よ
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ね

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OKAY.

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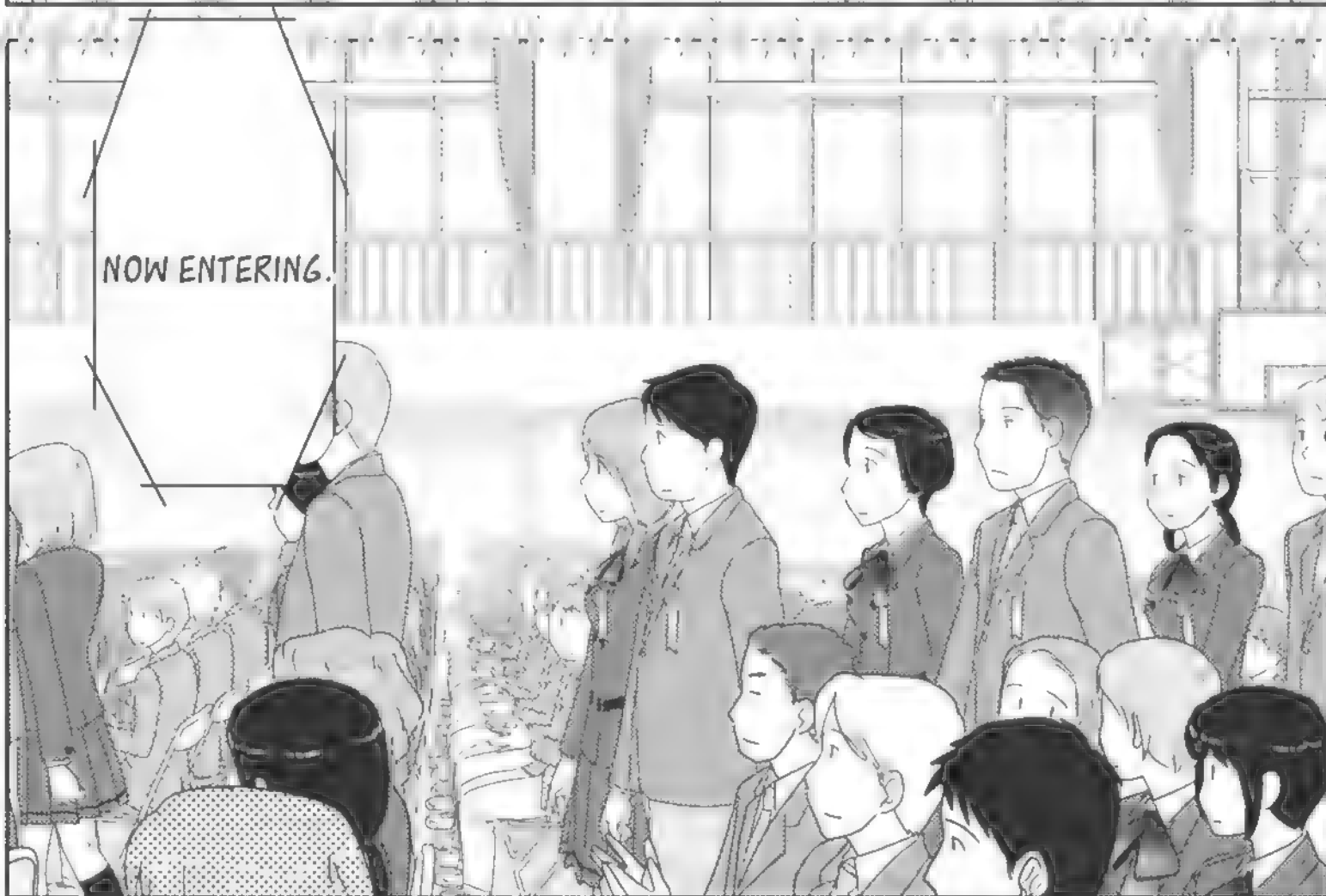
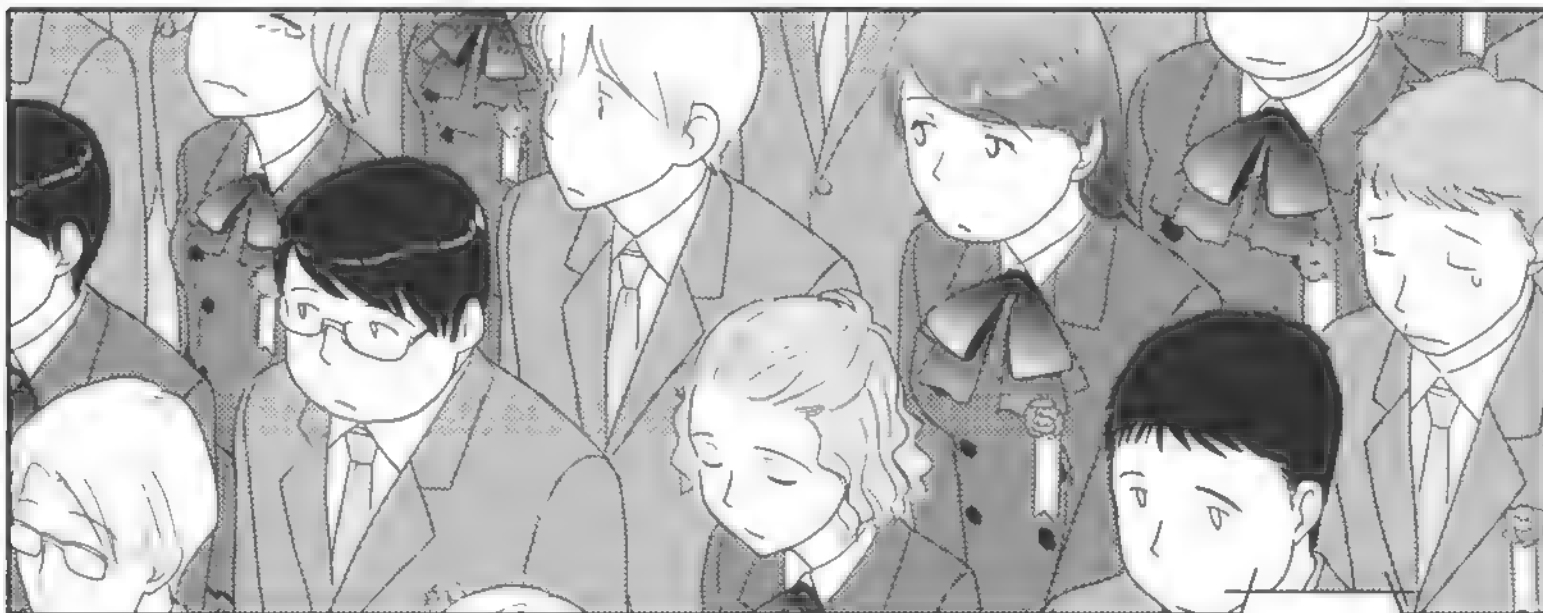
YEAH.

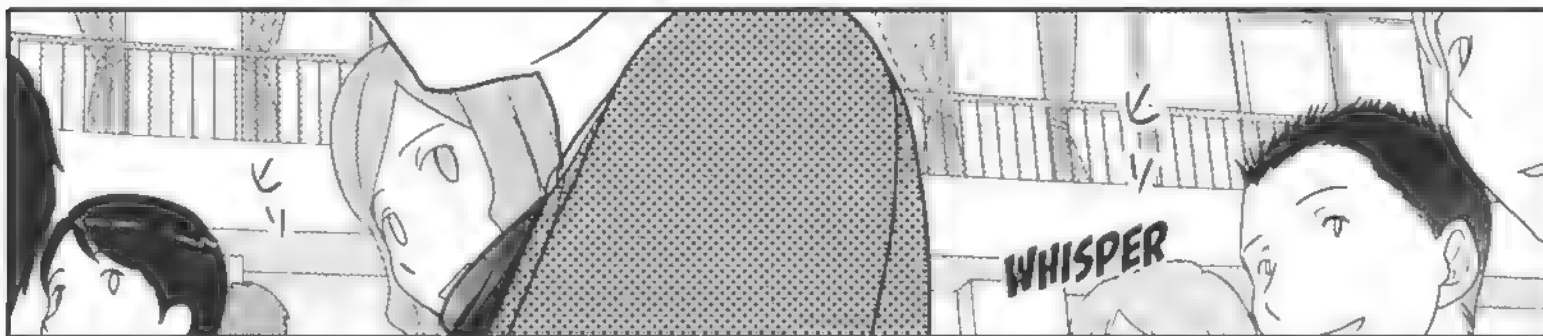
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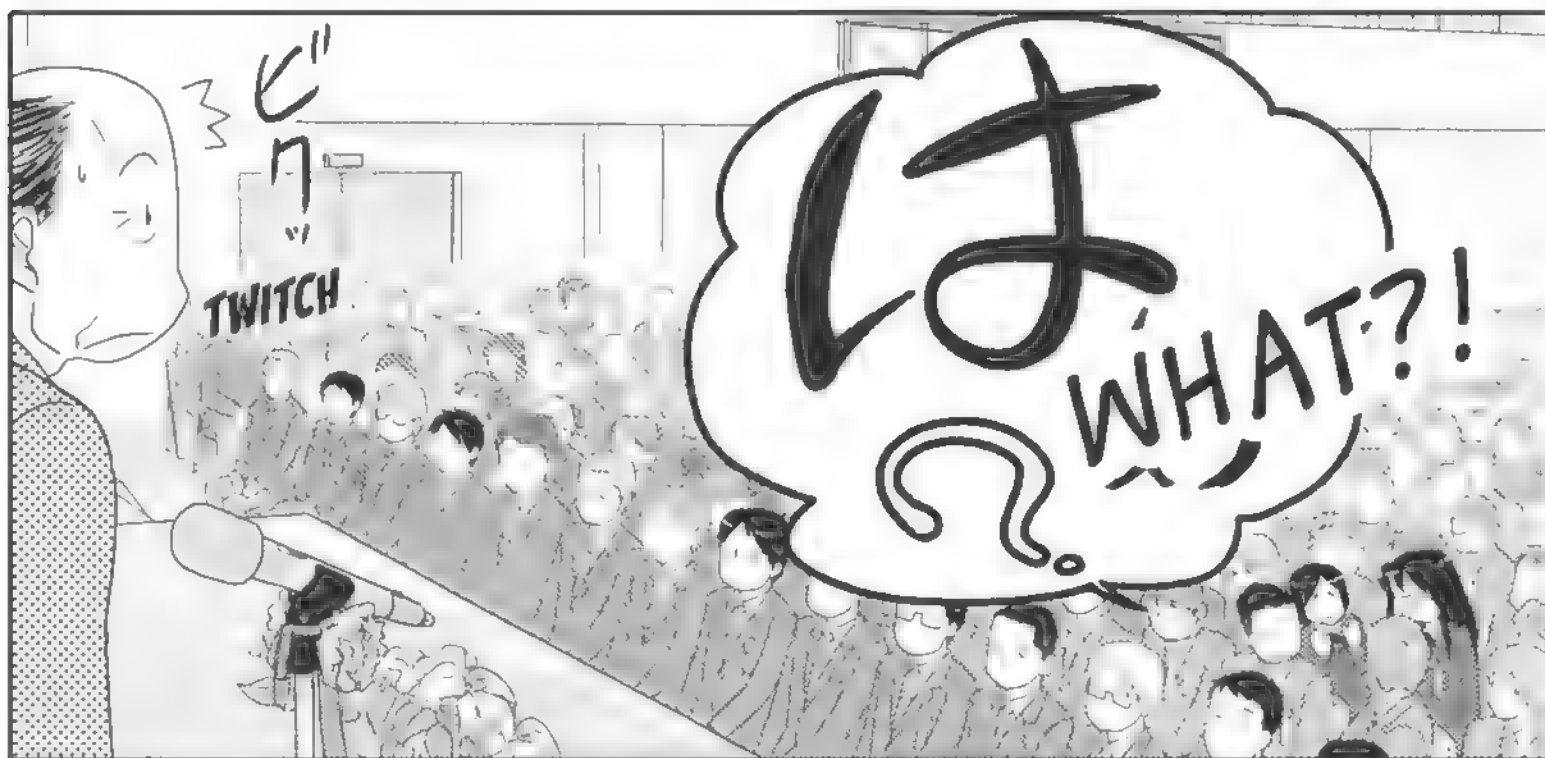
SEMPAI! FLOW-
ERS...

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先輩
お花を







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THE KYO IN KYORI STANDS FOR
"KU-KI YOMENAI ONNA" (UNABLE
TO ASSESS SOCIAL CUES)

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ちゃん
の
KYORI
は

グライ!

THUMBS UP!



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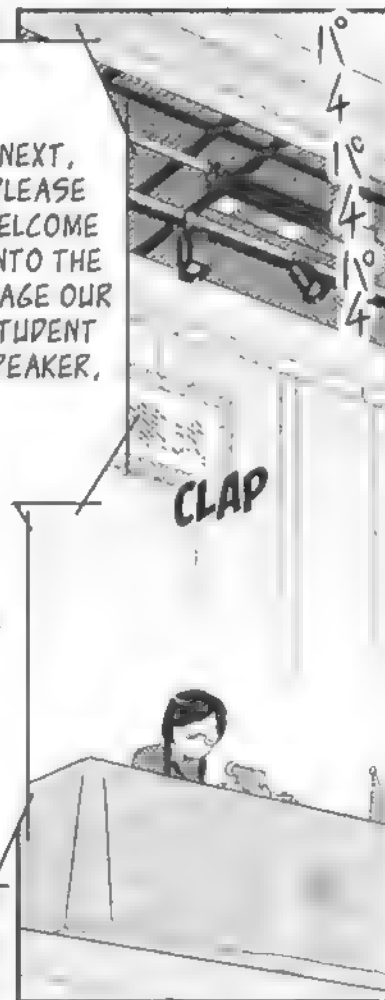
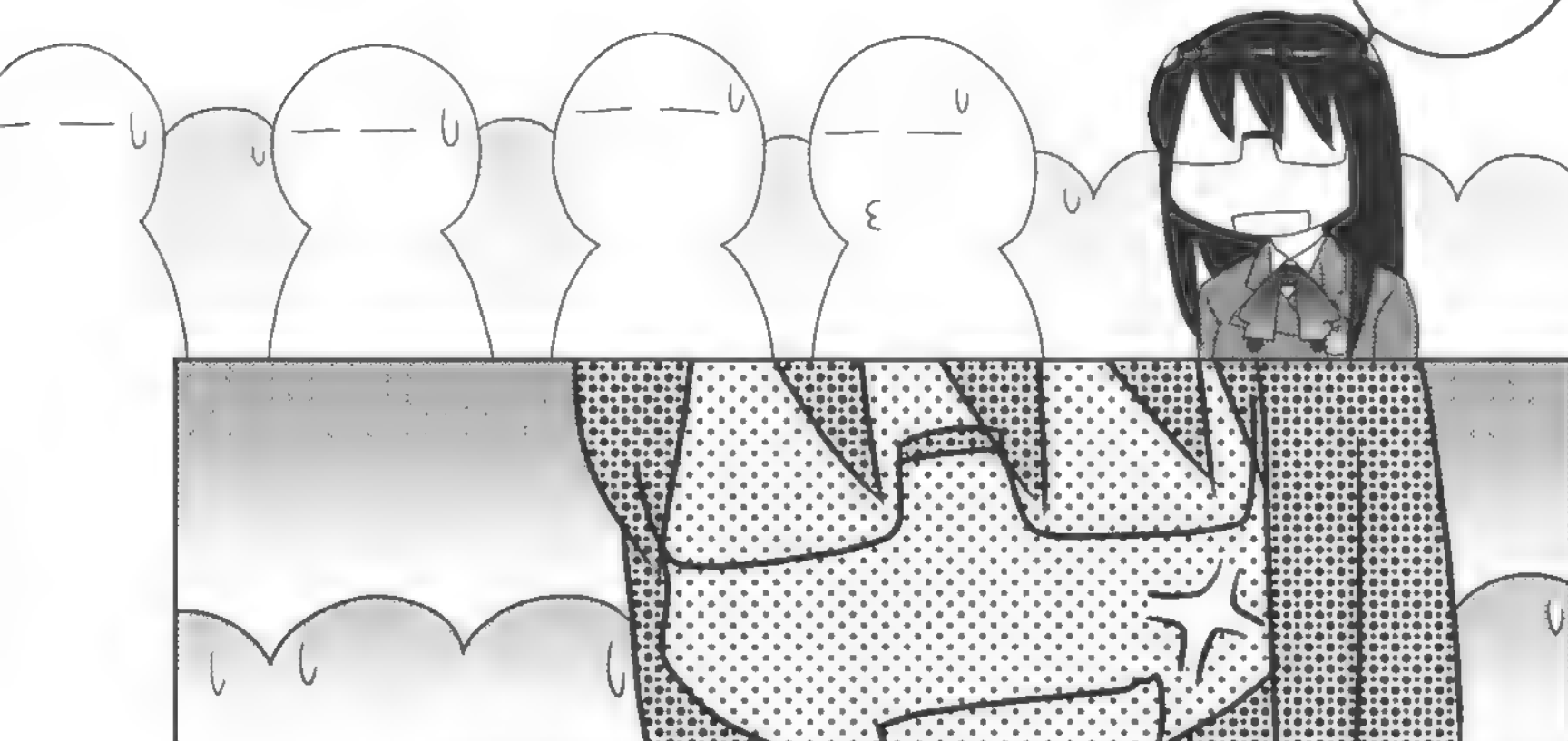
PLEASE BE
QUIET DURING
THE CEREMONY

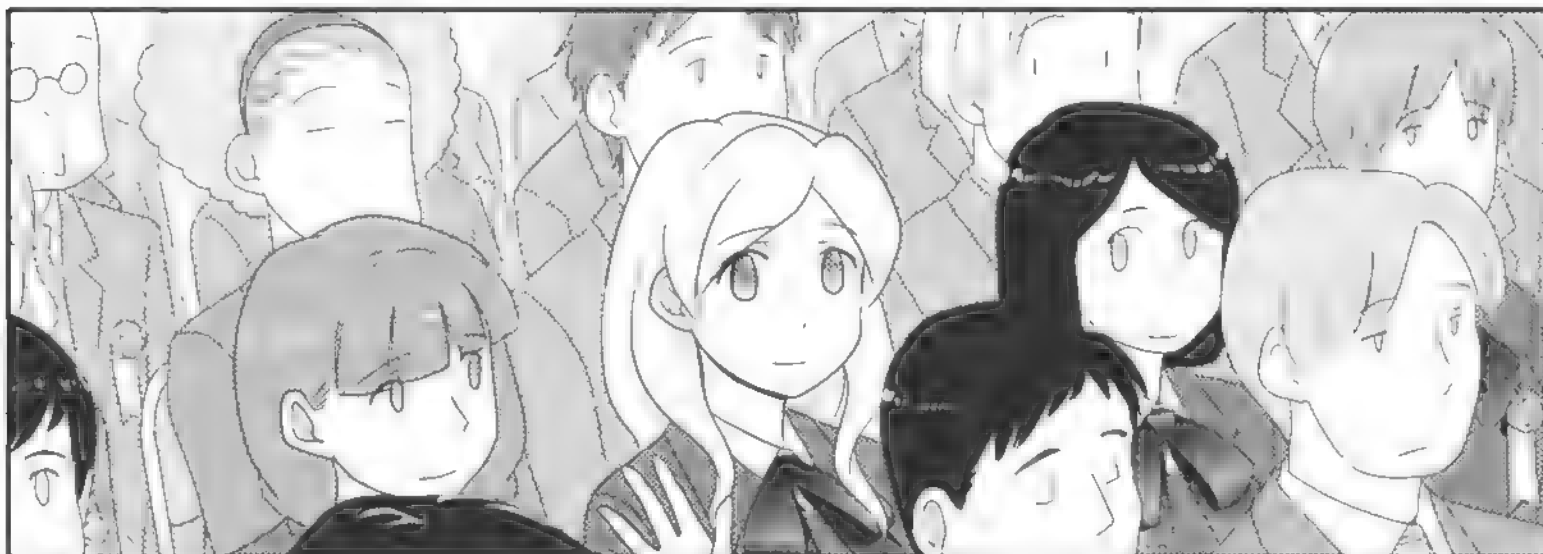
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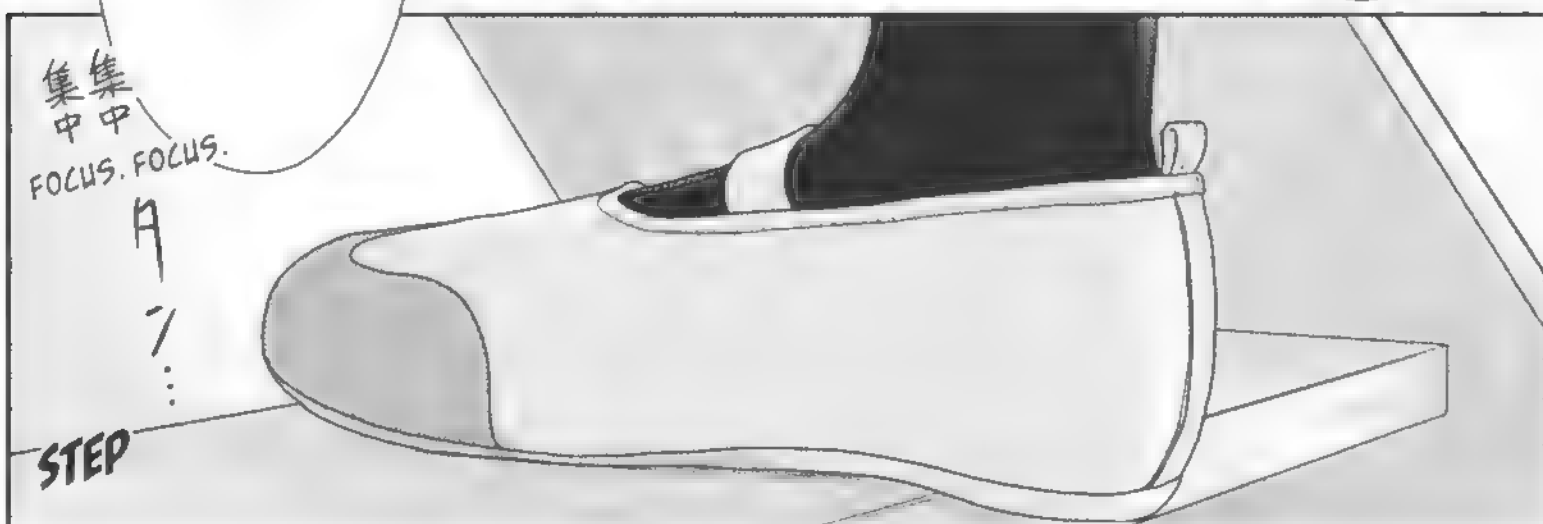
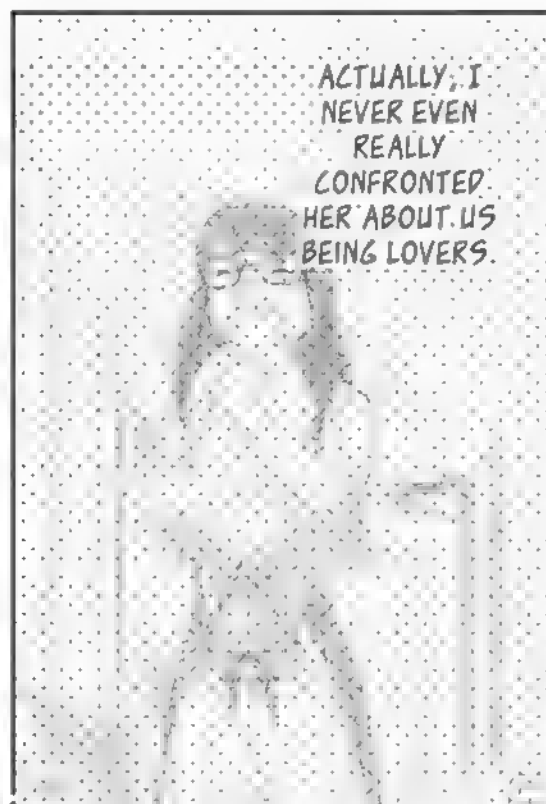
THAT I END
UP DOING IT
TODAY...

今日中に
終わらせる

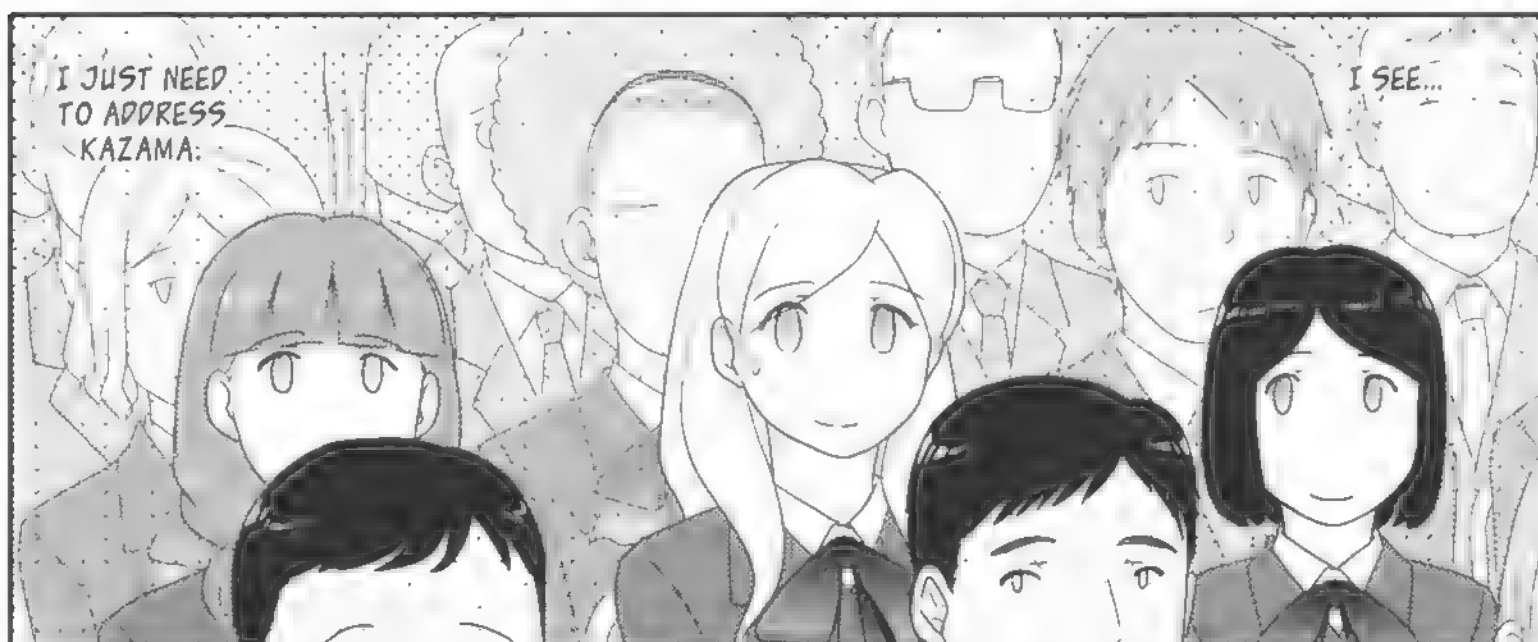
BETTING OR
SOMETHING?











I JUST NEED
TO ADDRESS
KAZAMA:

I SEE...



DURING THOSE
THREE YEARS,
THERE WAS
NEVER A DAY
THAT I DIDN'T
THINK ABOUT
HER.

THERE WERE
TOUGH TIMES
AND THEN
THERE WERE
FUN TIMES.



I'LL GIVE HER
MY SINCEREST
MESSAGE.

FOR MY LOVE
KAZAMA.

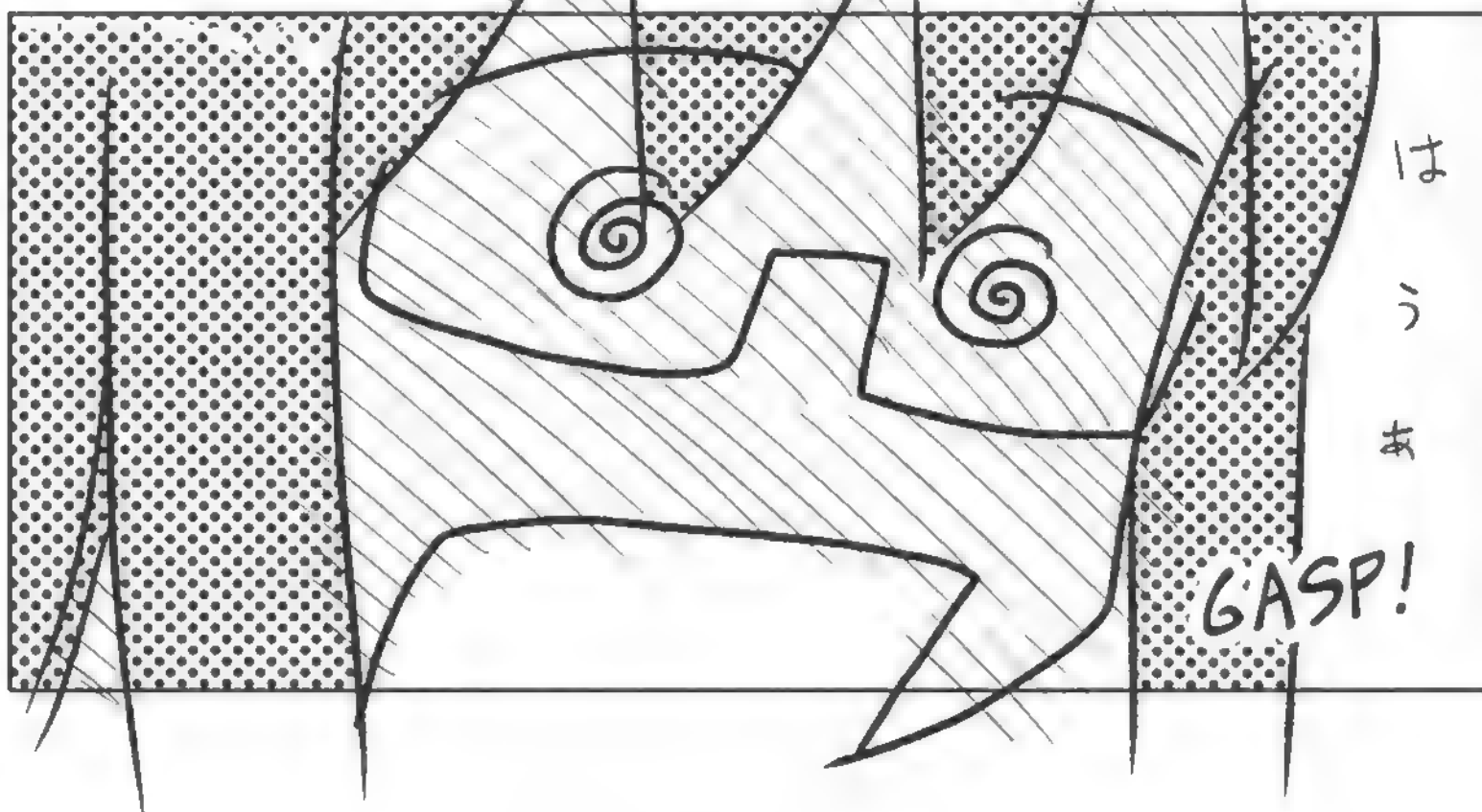
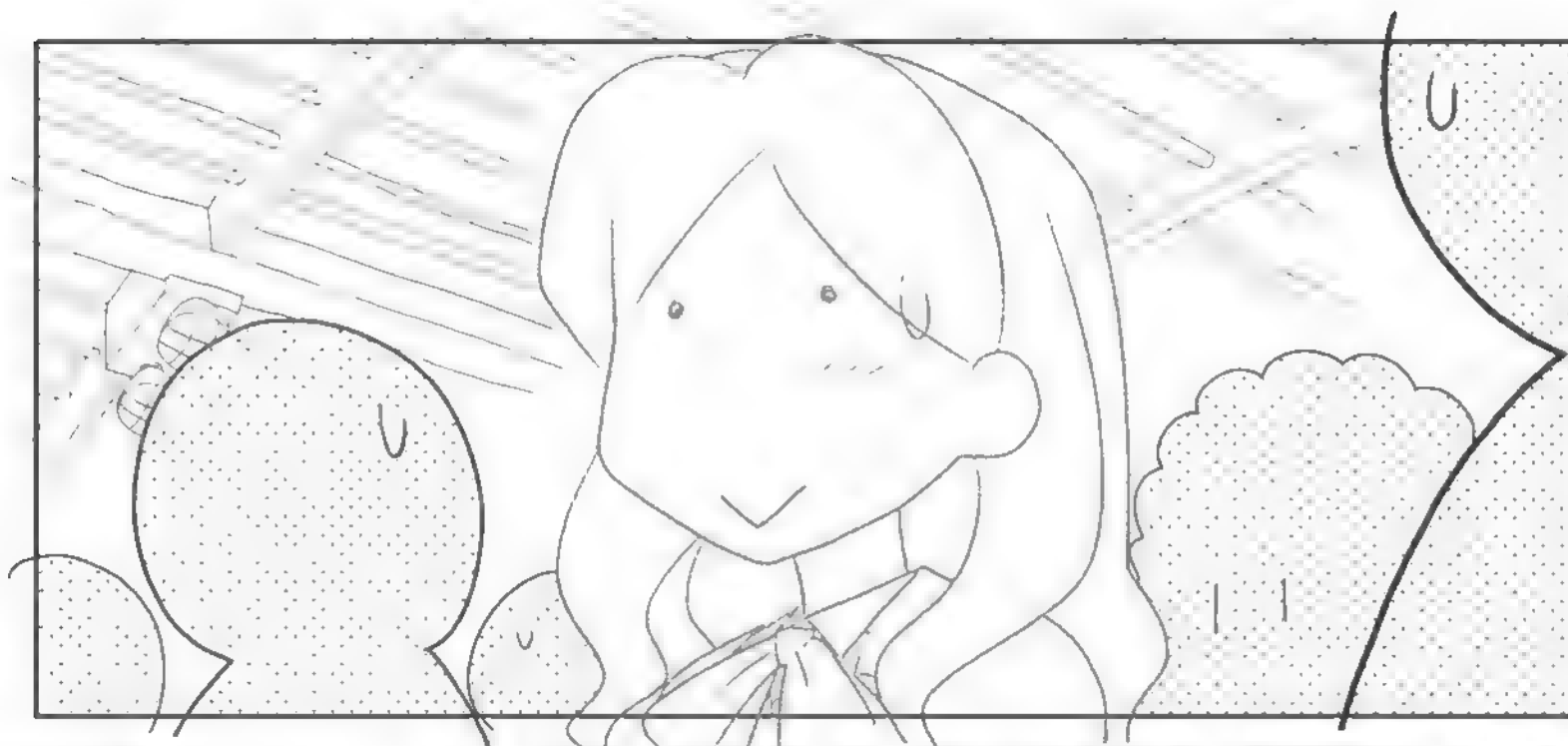
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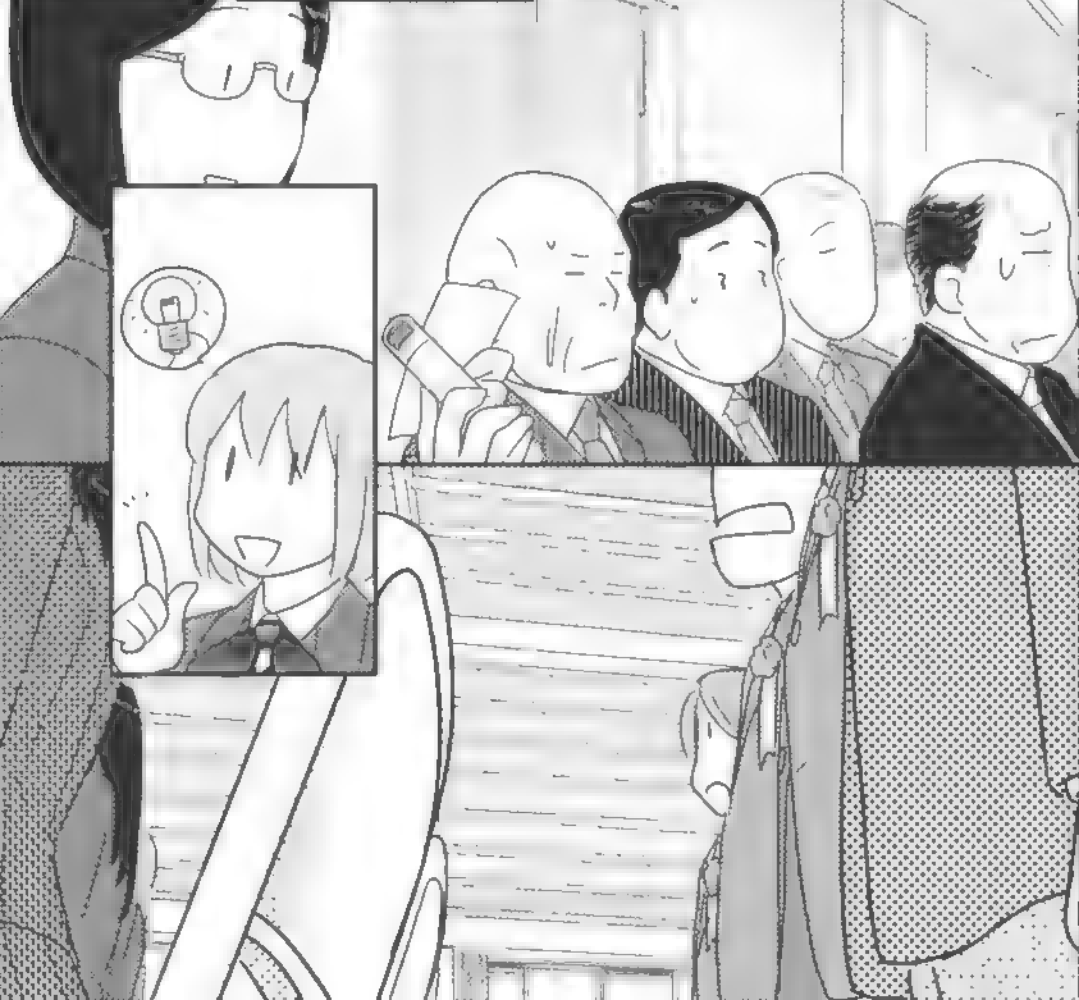
A KISS,
HUH...

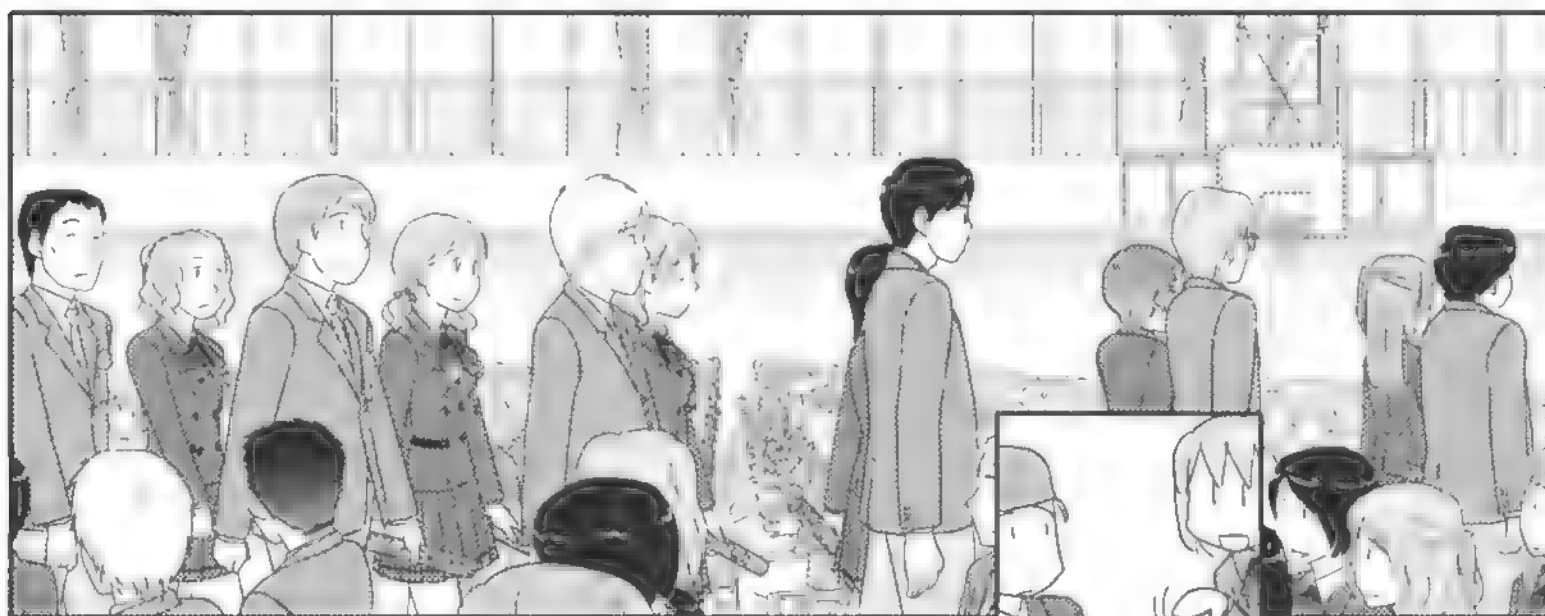
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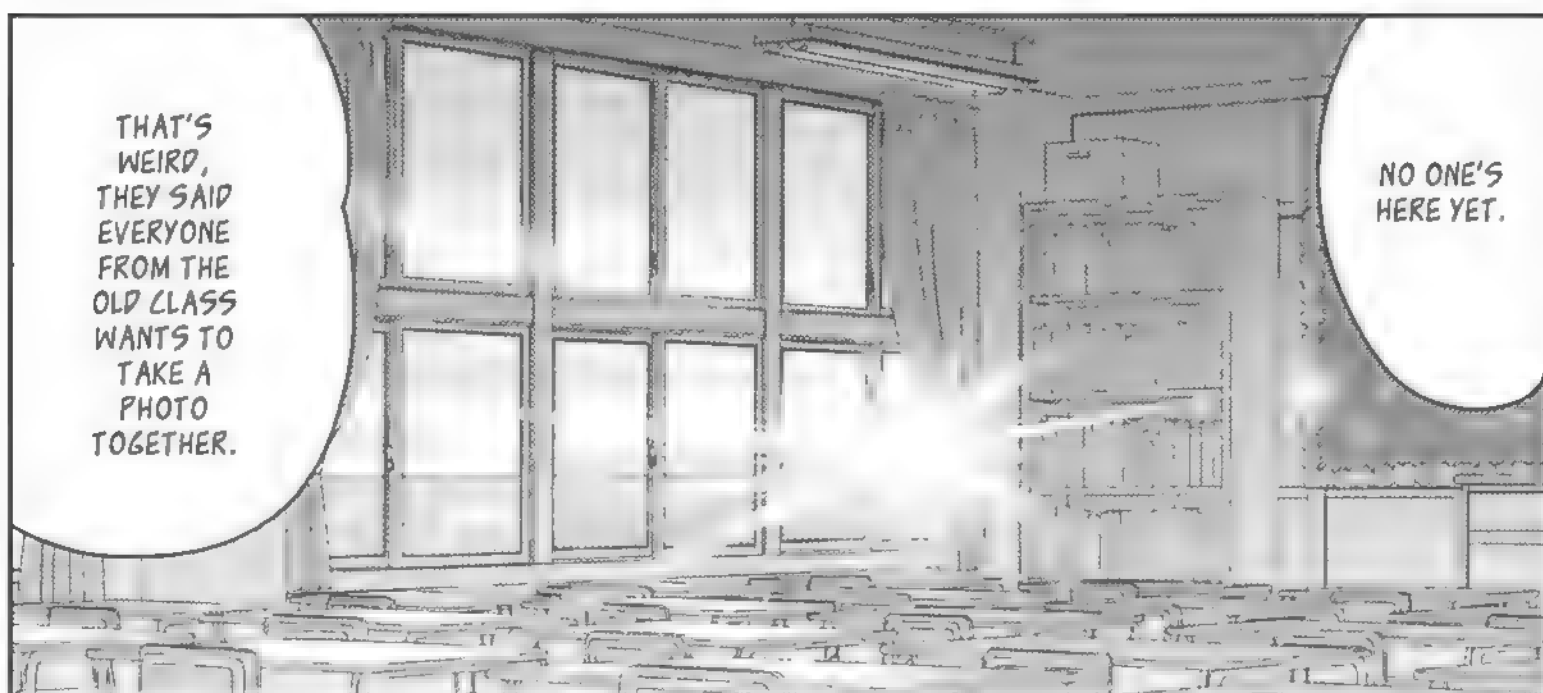
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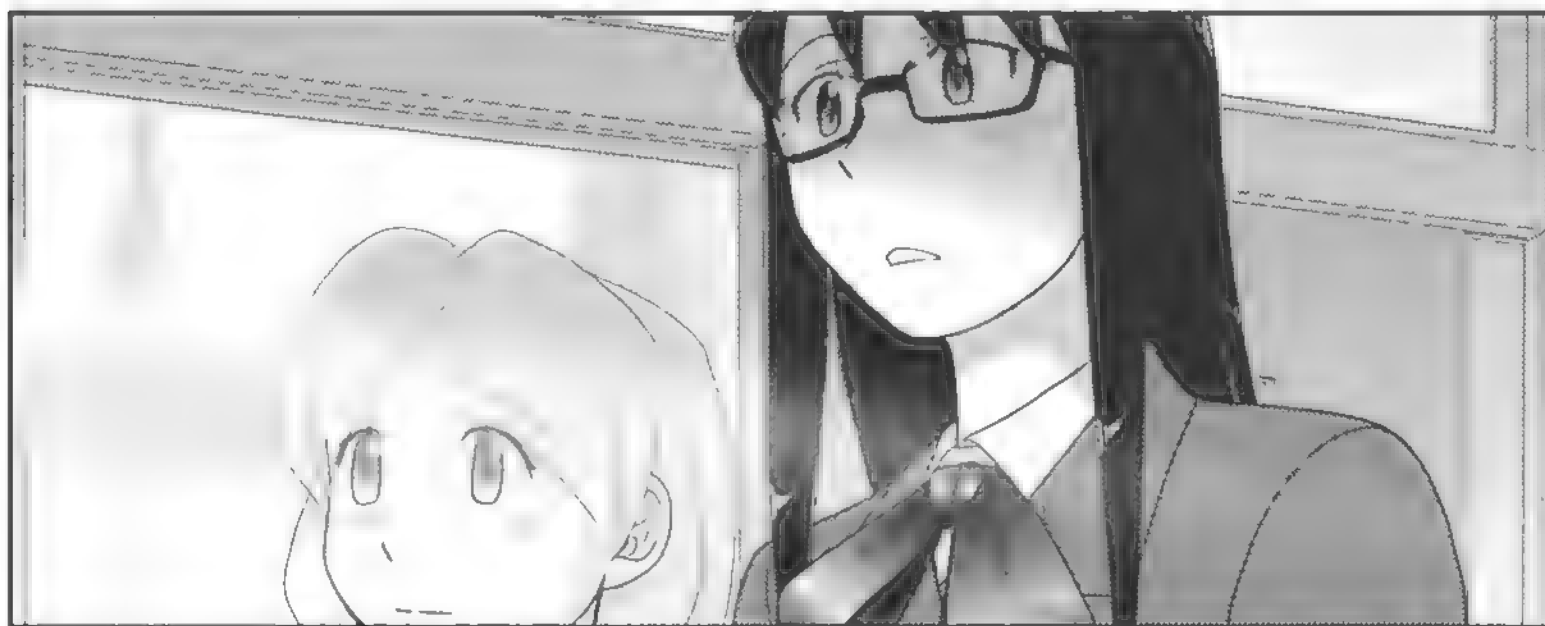






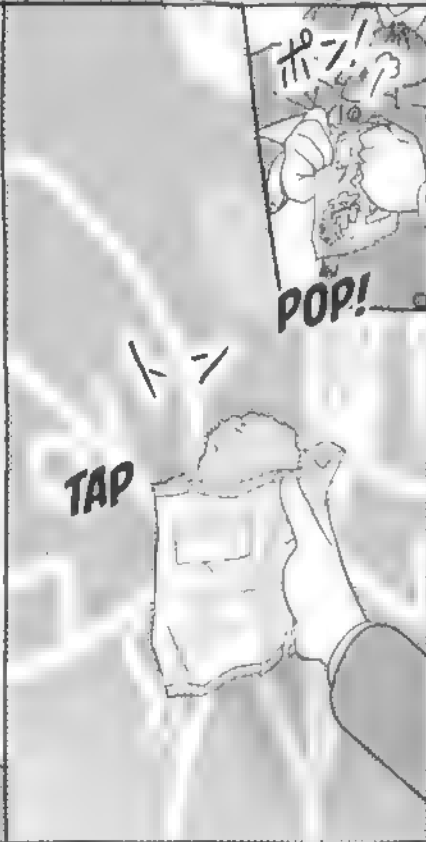
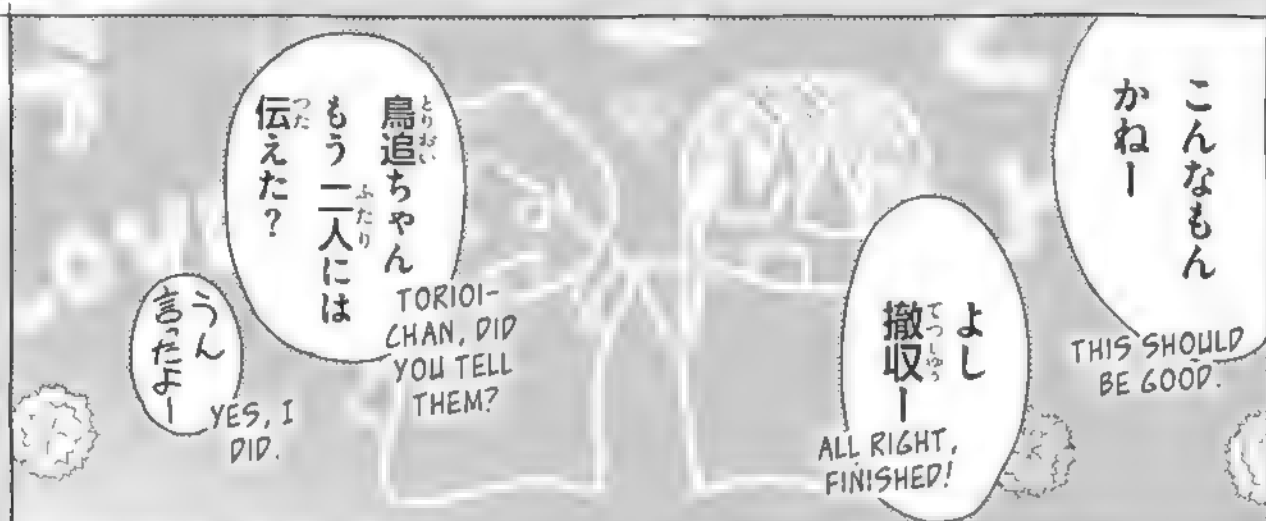






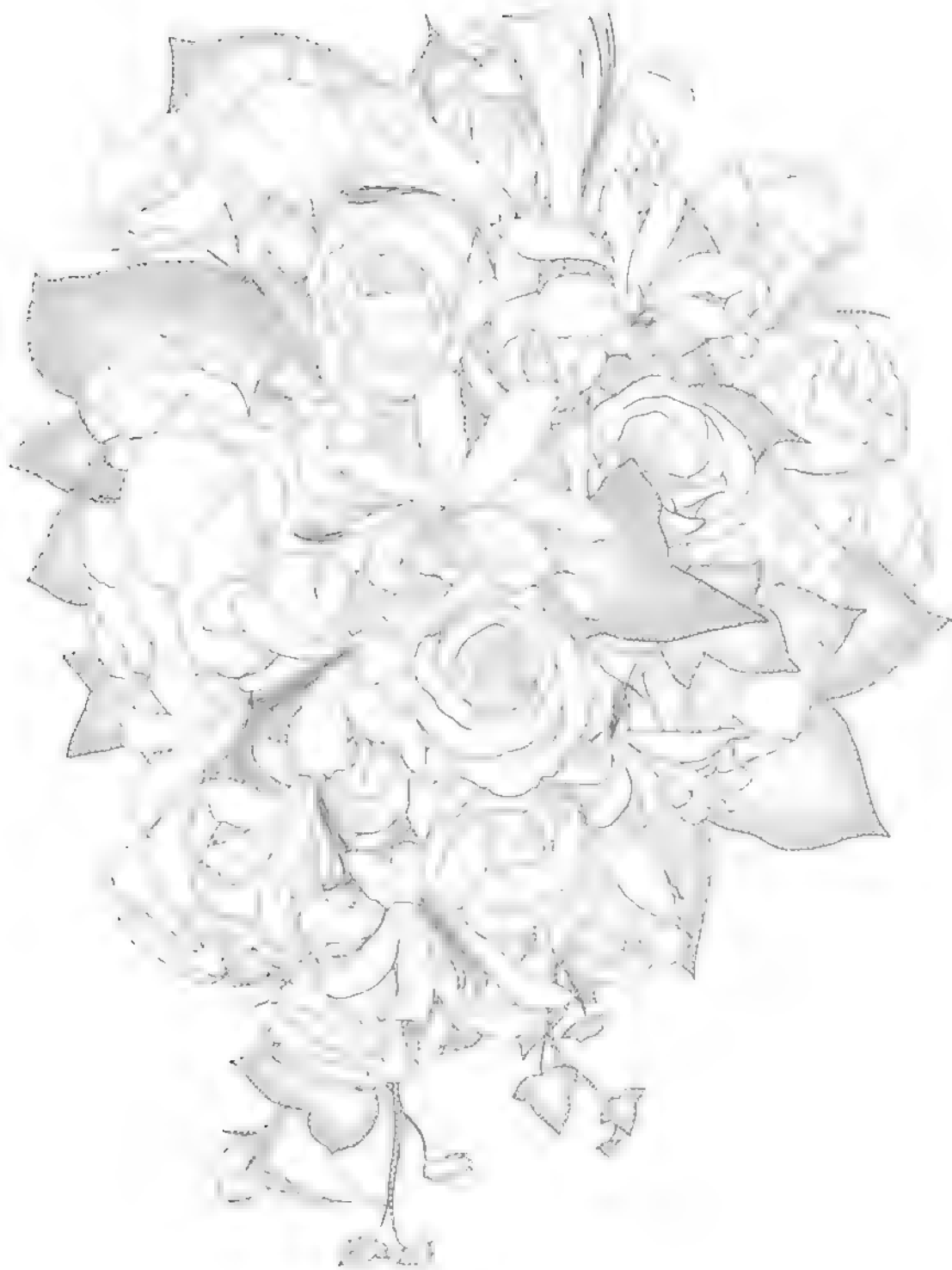
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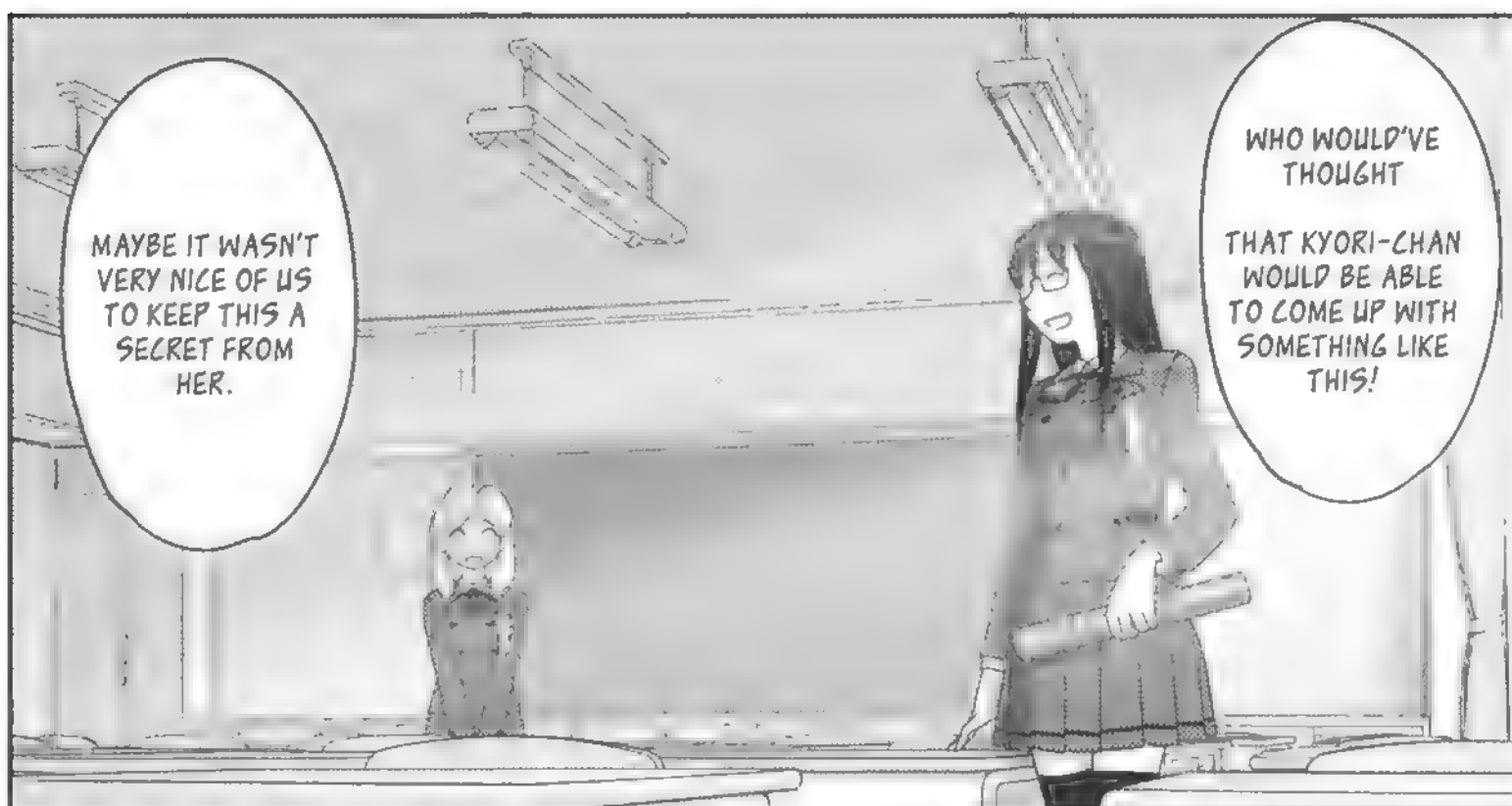
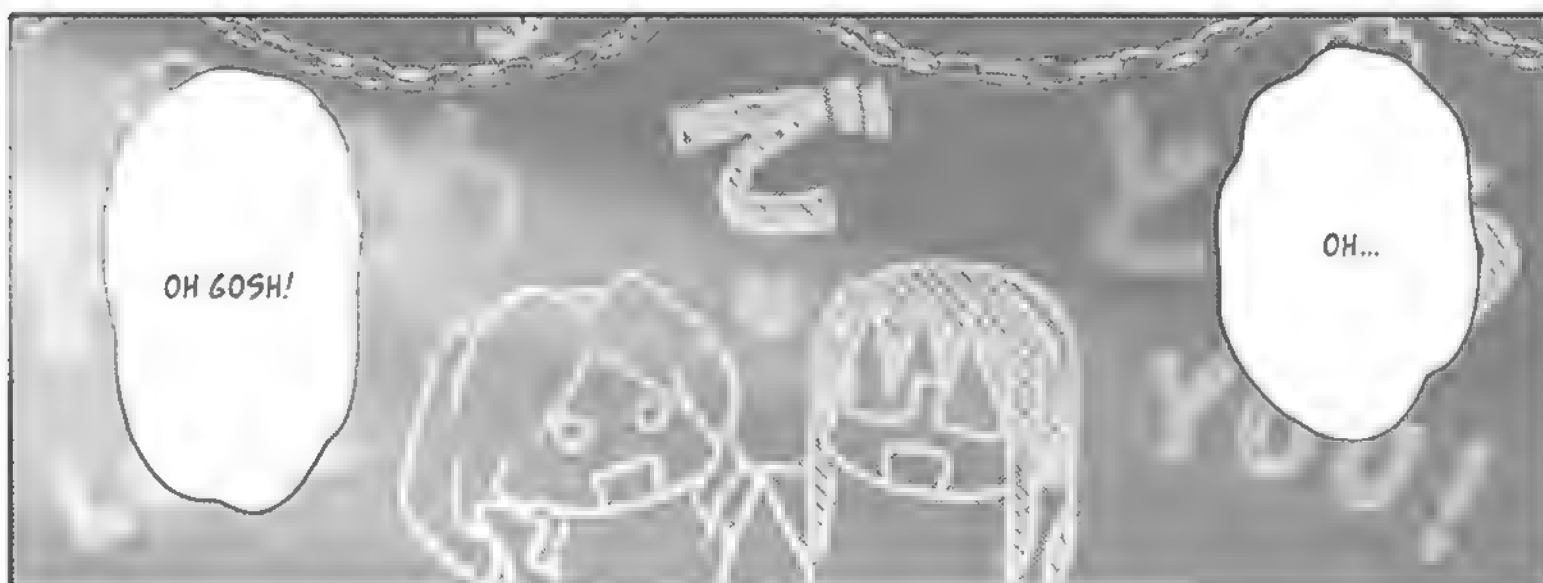
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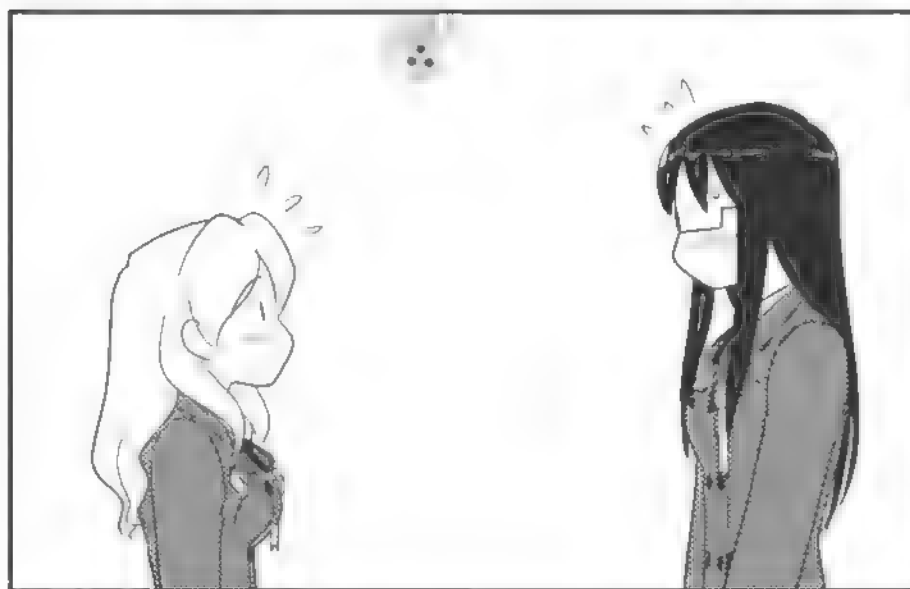


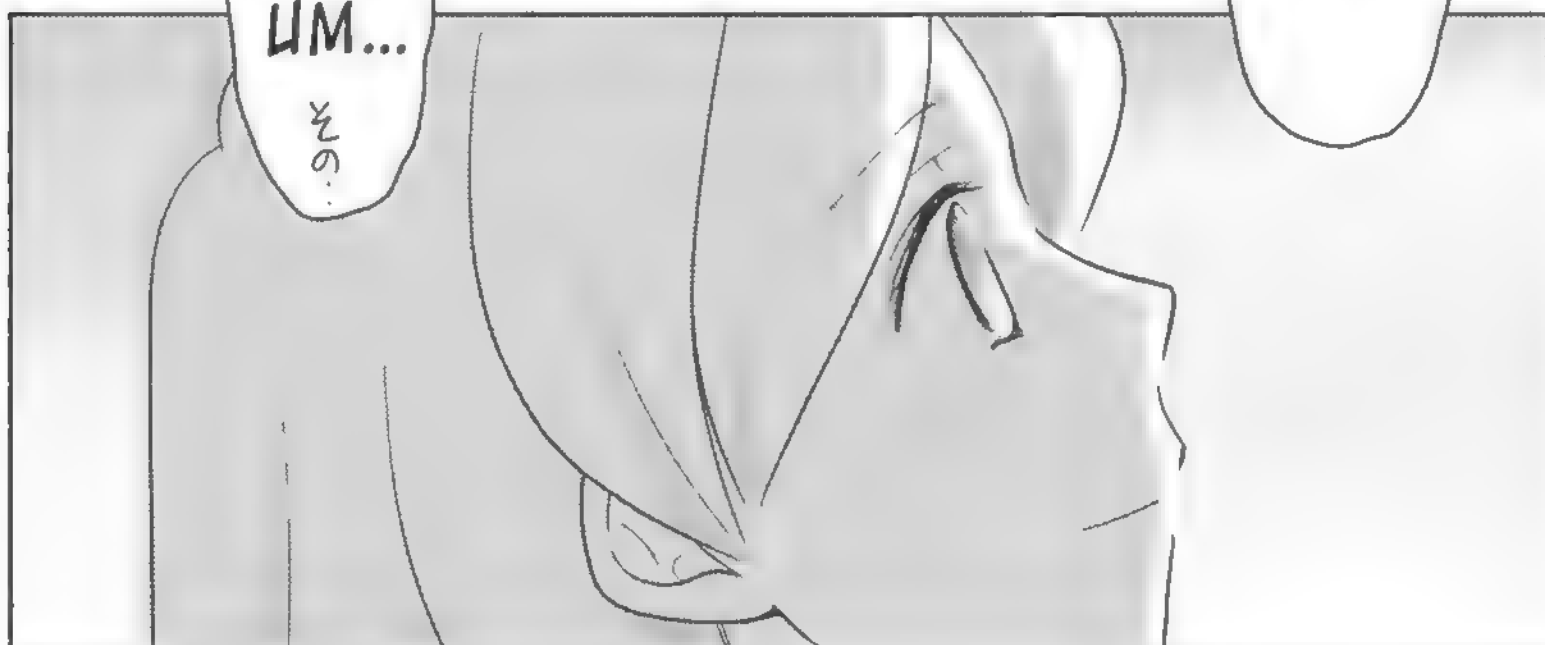


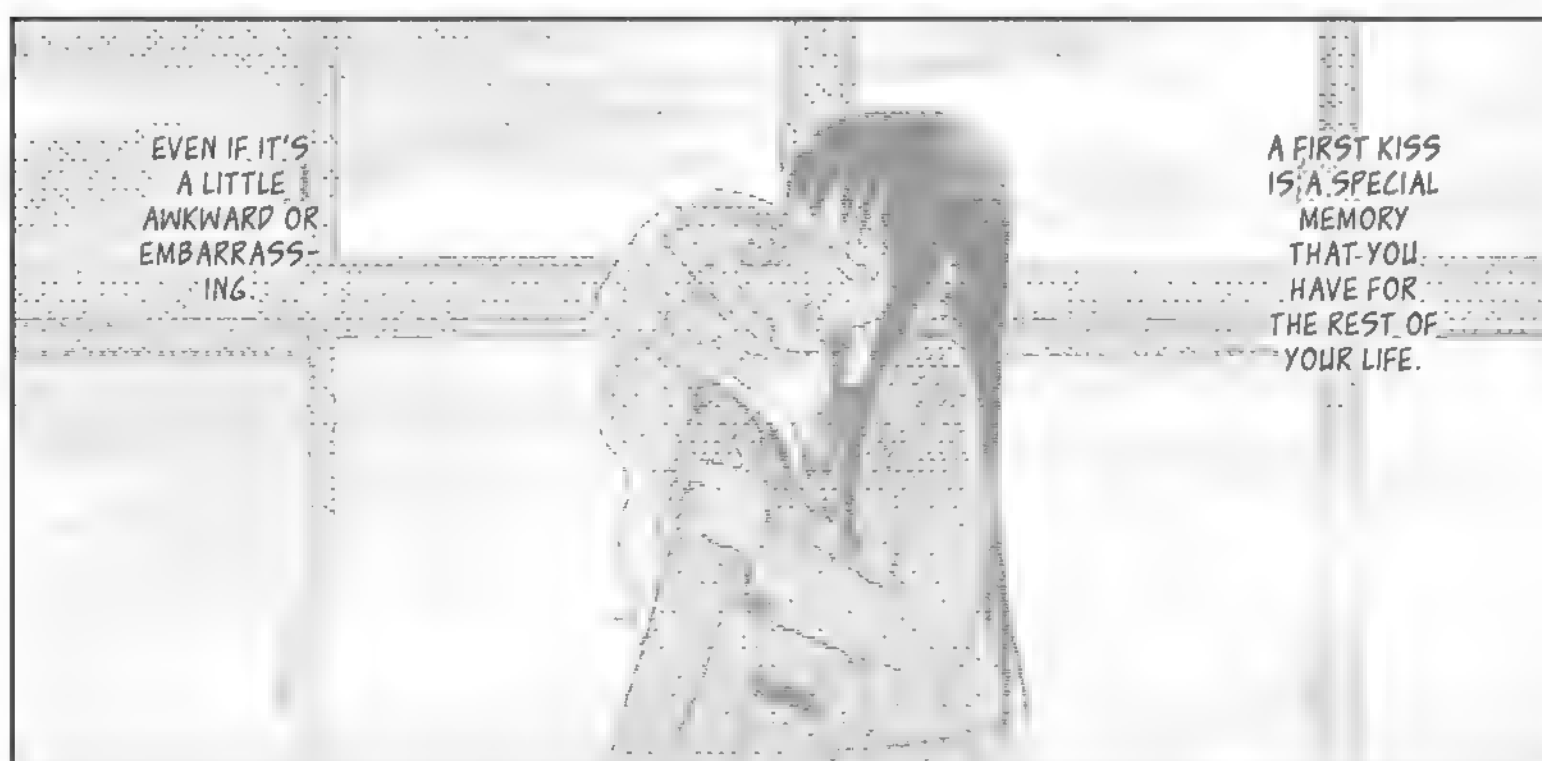
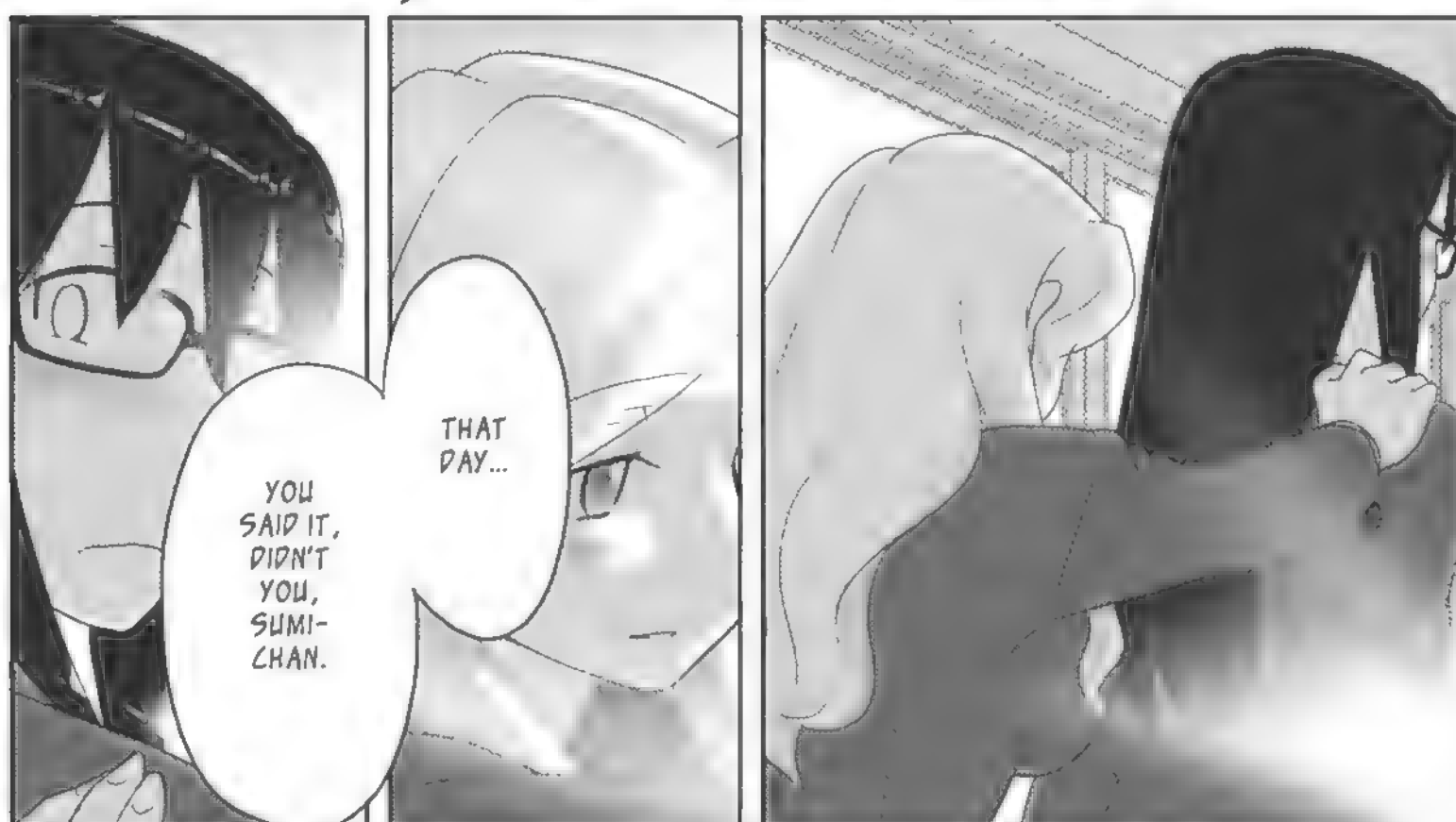
part fifty-three
~i love you~











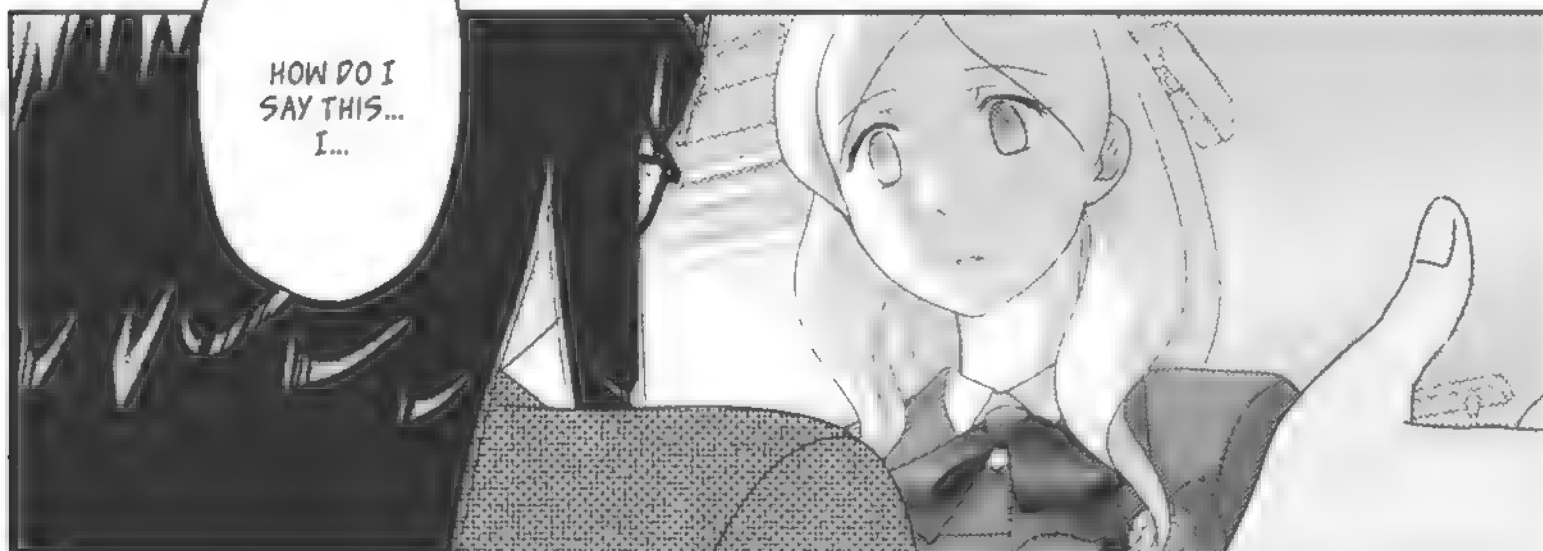


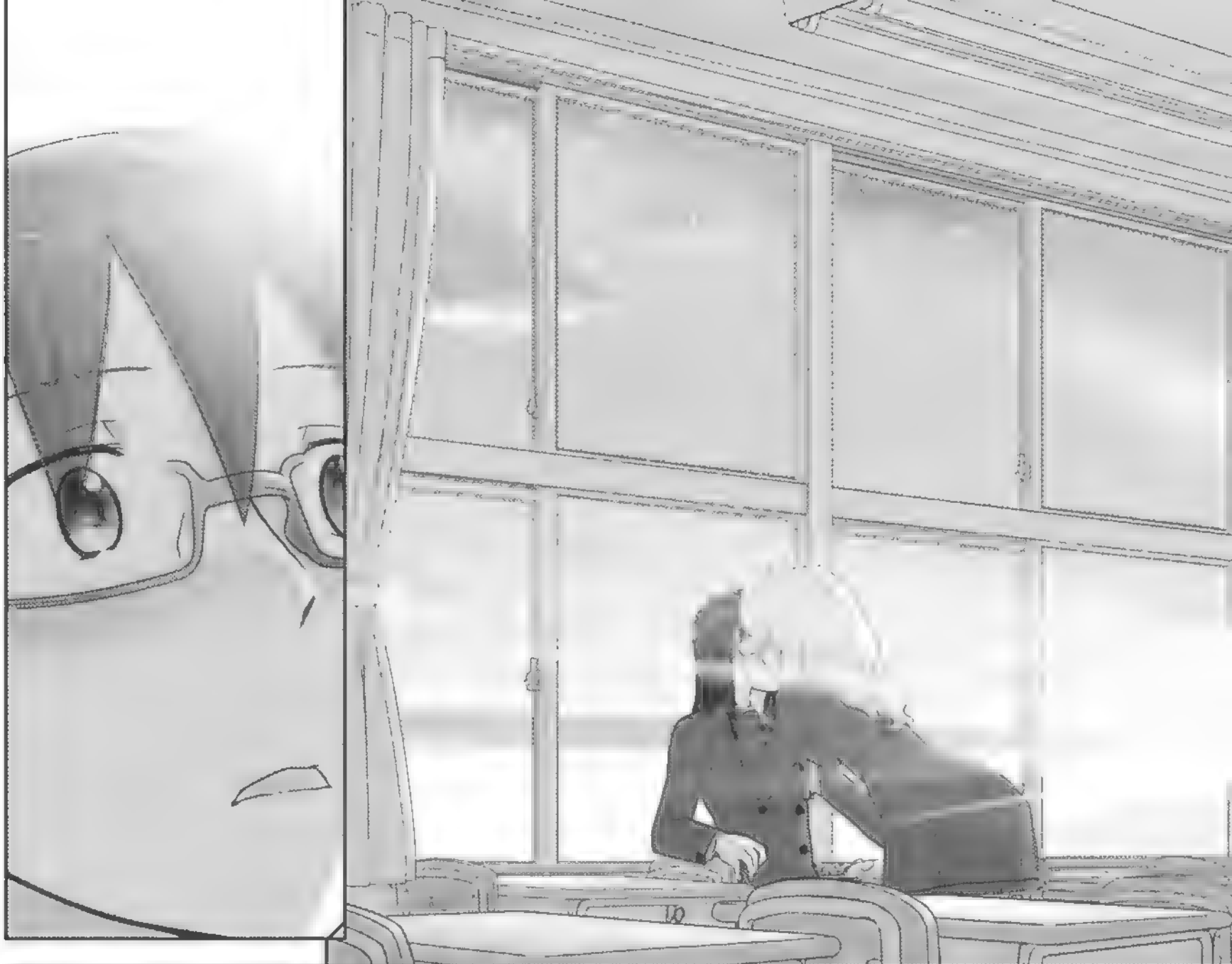
IF YOU
SHARE IT...

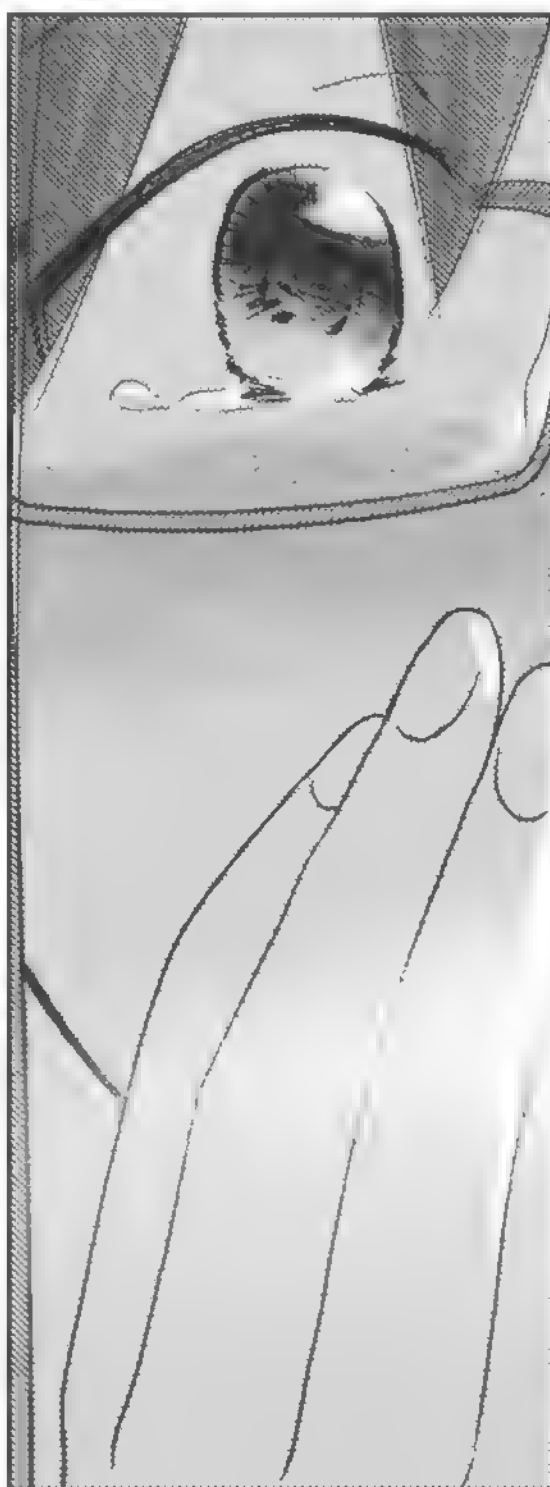
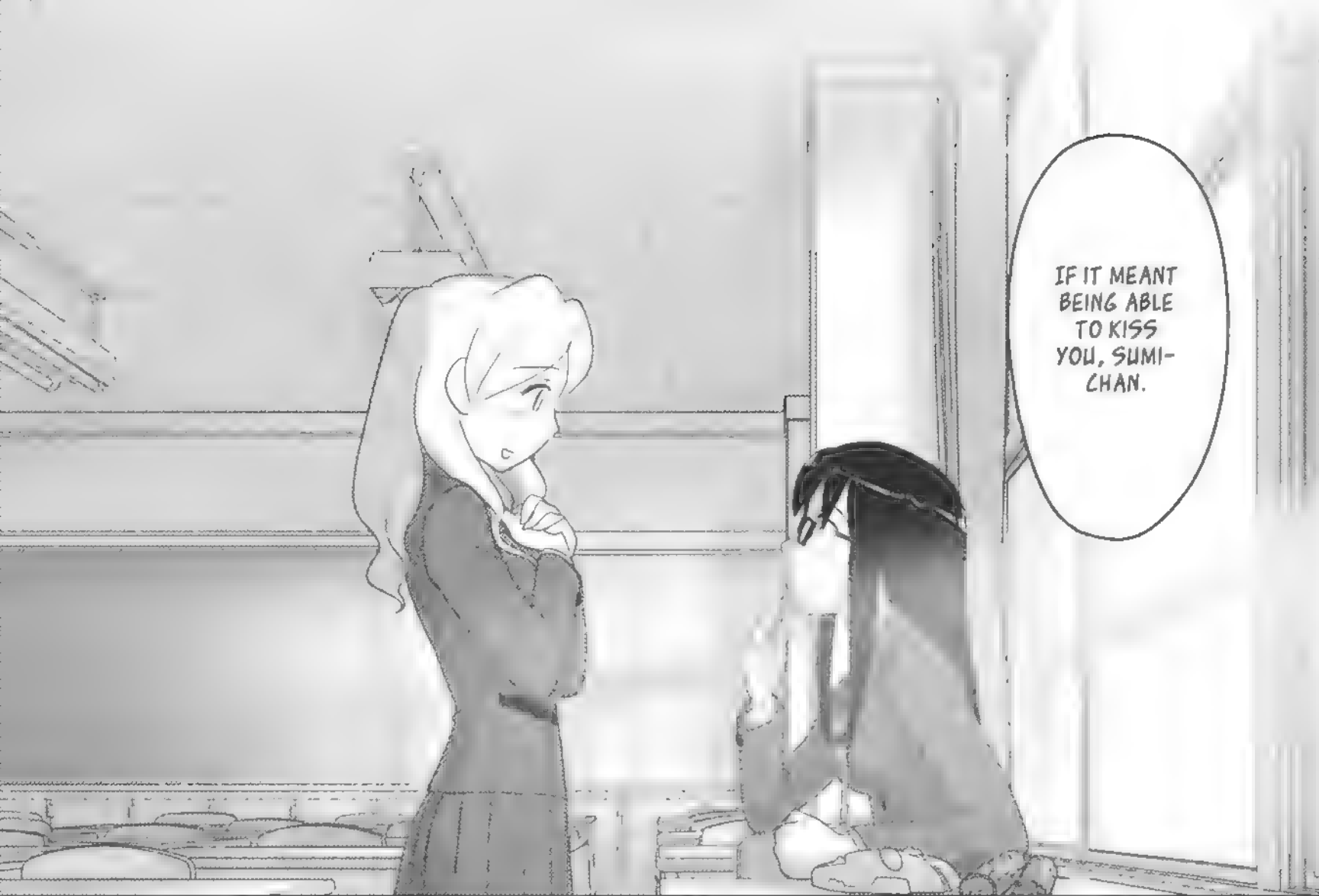
WITH THE
PERSON YOU
LOVE

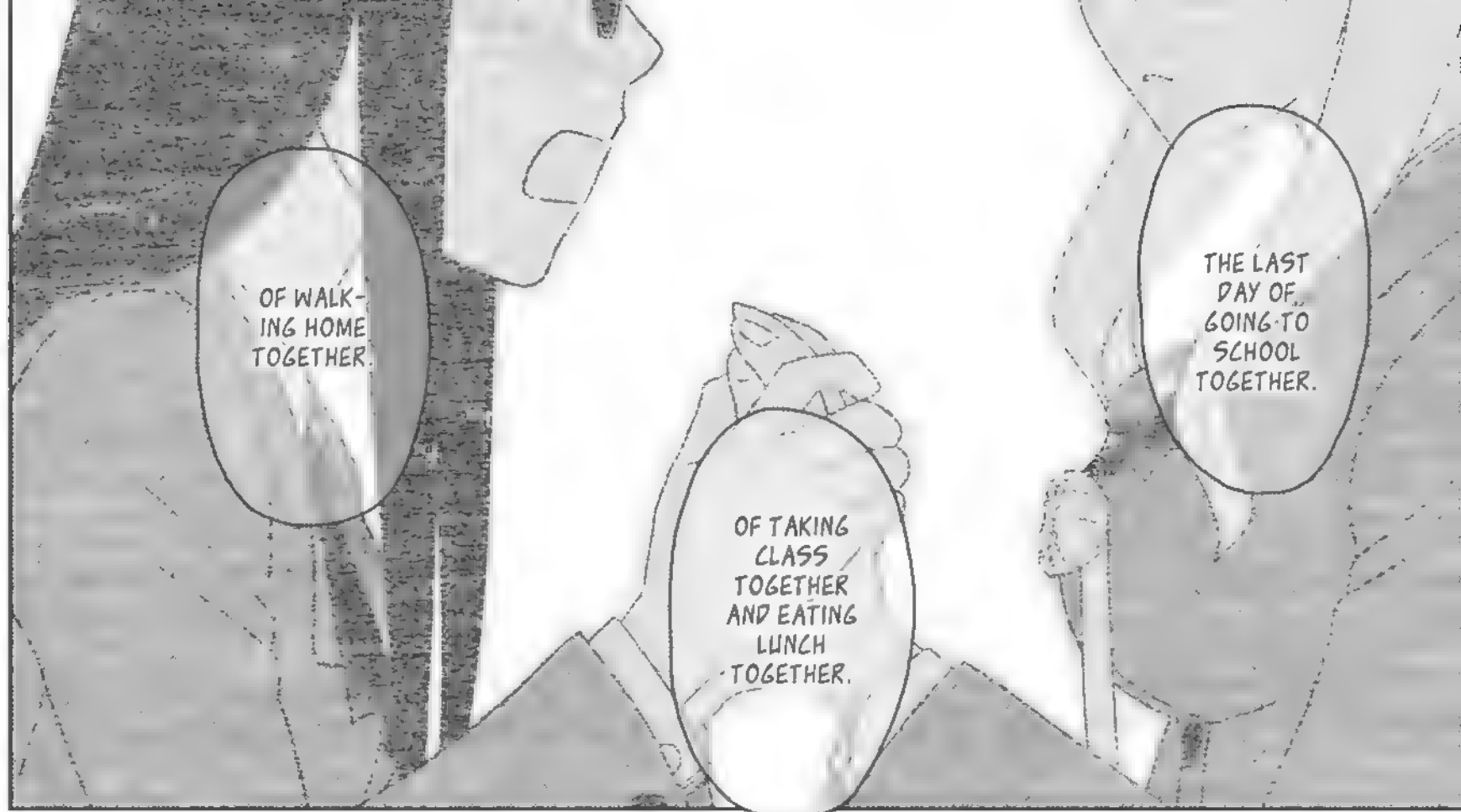












OF WALK-
ING HOME
TOGETHER.

THE LAST
DAY OF
GOING TO
SCHOOL
TOGETHER.

OF TAKING
CLASS
TOGETHER
AND EATING
LUNCH
TOGETHER.

IF I
WANTED TO
HOLD YOUR
HAND, I
COULD AT
ANY TIME.

BUT NOW,
YOU'RE
GOING FAR
AWAY.

IF I
WANTED TO
PUT MY ARM
AROUND
YOUR
SHOUL-
DERS, I
COULD AT
ANY TIME...
BUT





TOO
LATE...

WHY DIDN'T
I HOLD YOU
AND TOUCH
YOU MORE!
I REALIZED
IT NOW...

WHY DIDN'T
I DO MORE!



TO
GRADUATE
....

I DON'T
WANT



I...

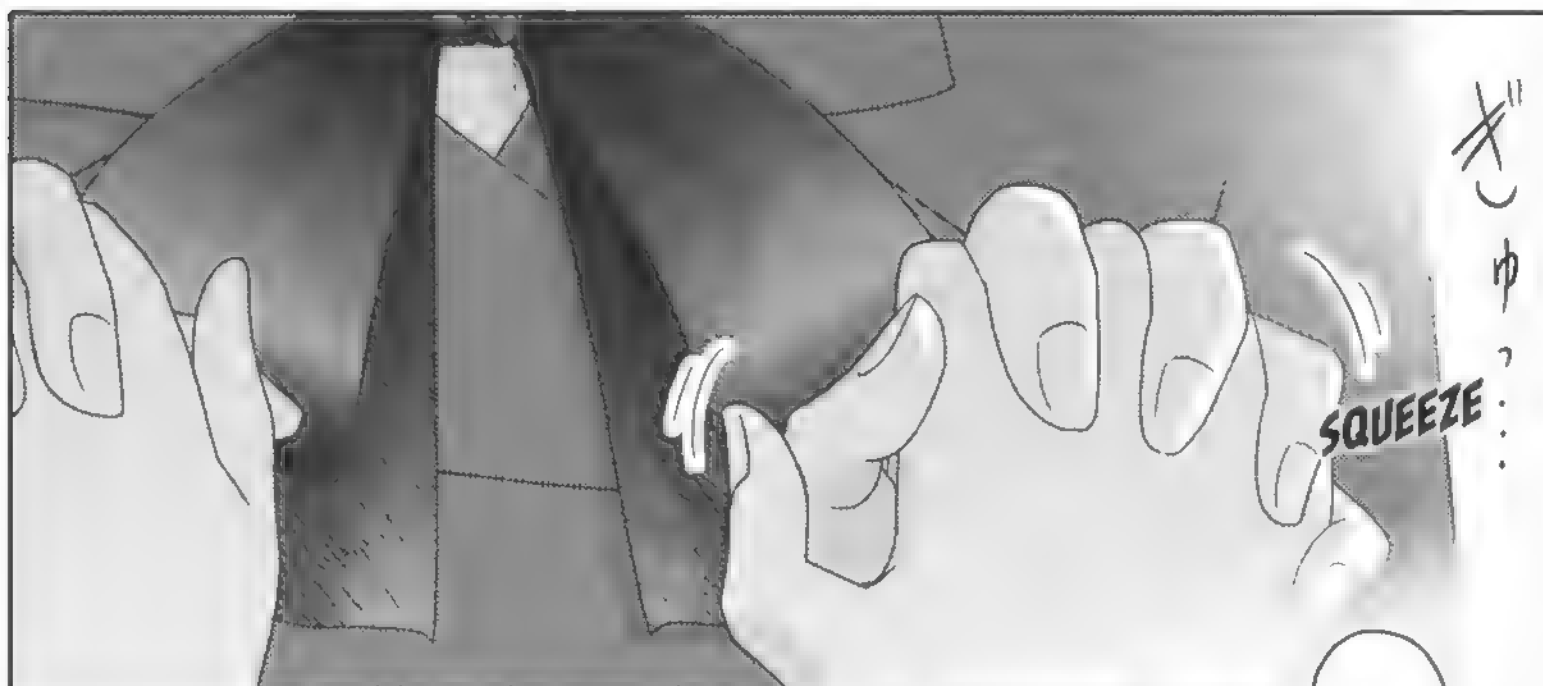
ALSO
SHOULD'VE
REALIZED IT
EARLIER...

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SHIFFLE

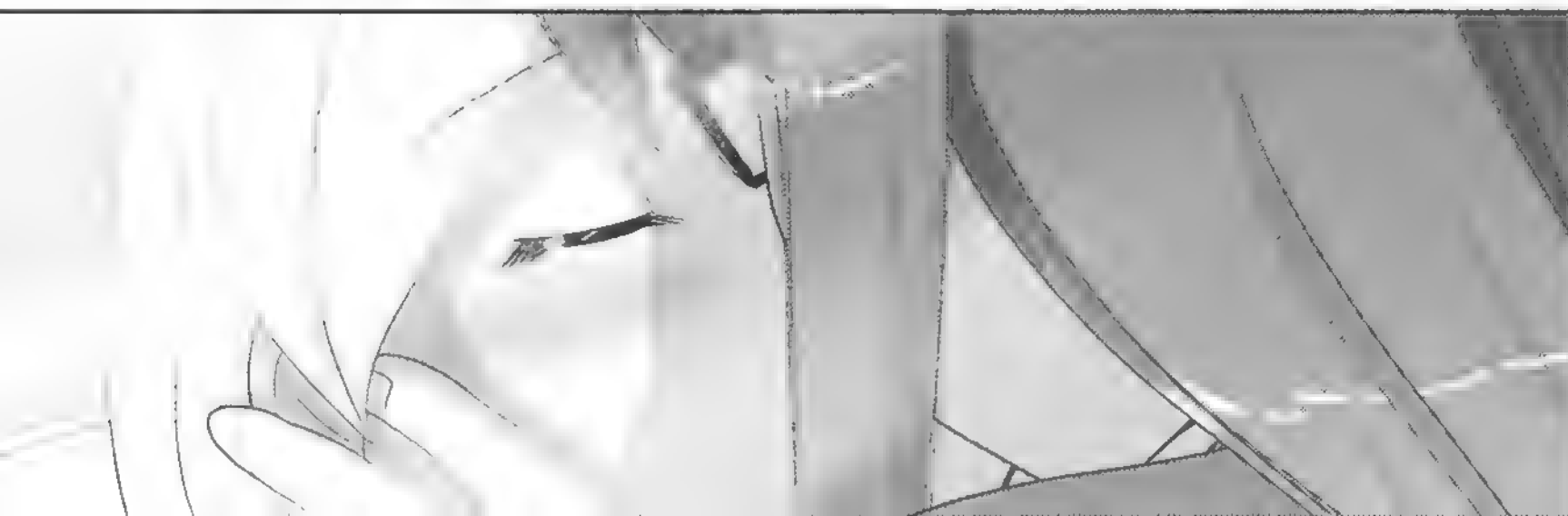
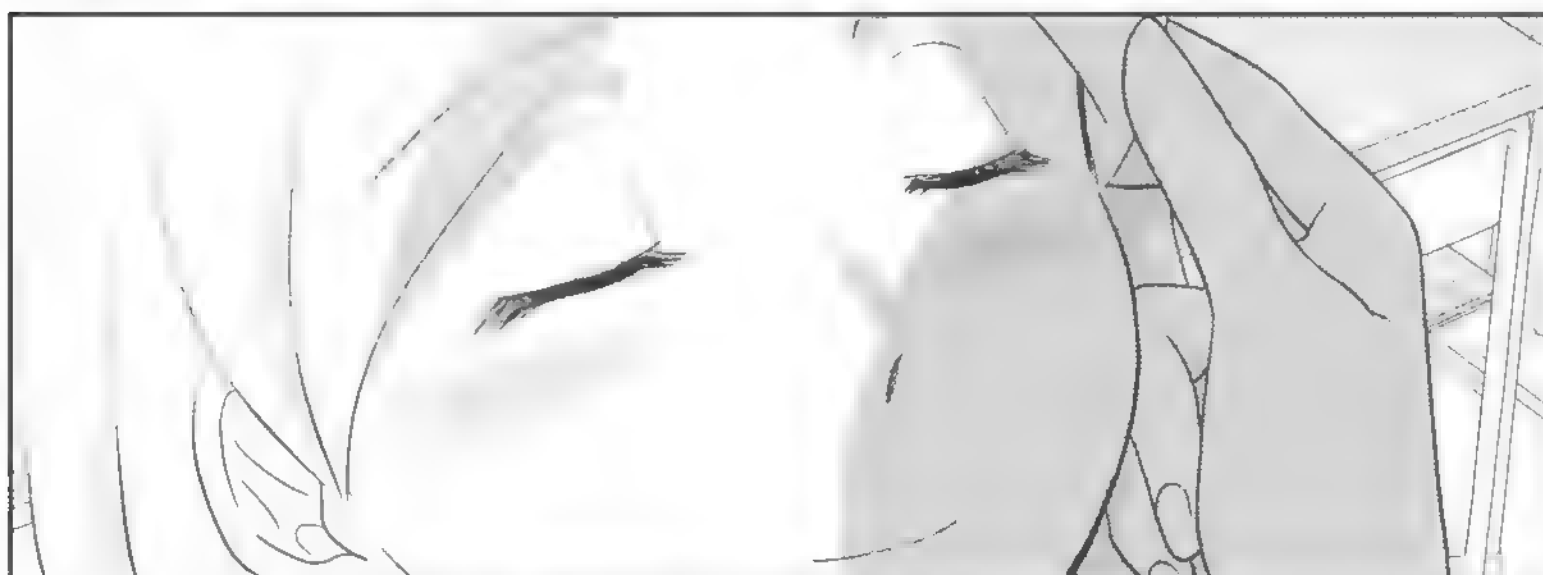
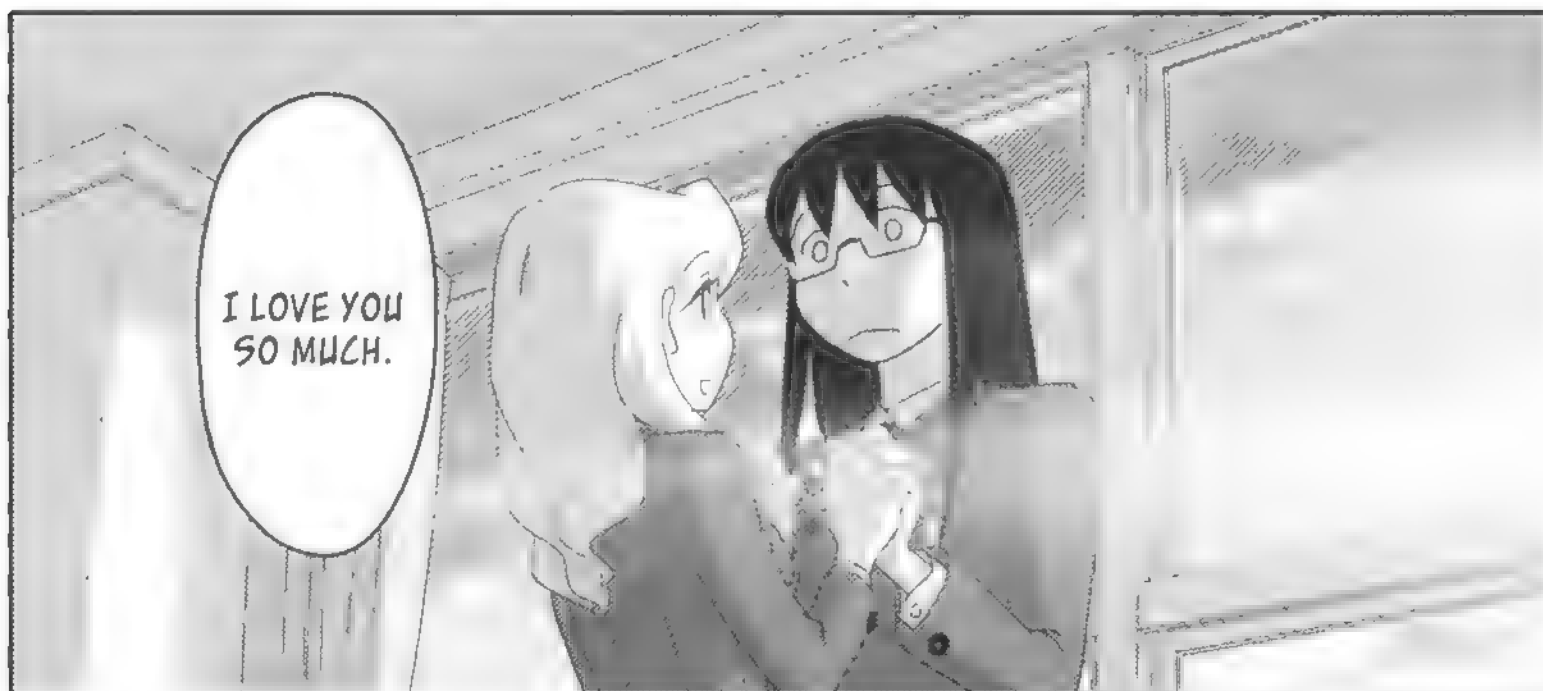


THAT YOU'RE
SUCH A
BEAUTIFUL
GIRL,
SUMI-CHAN.

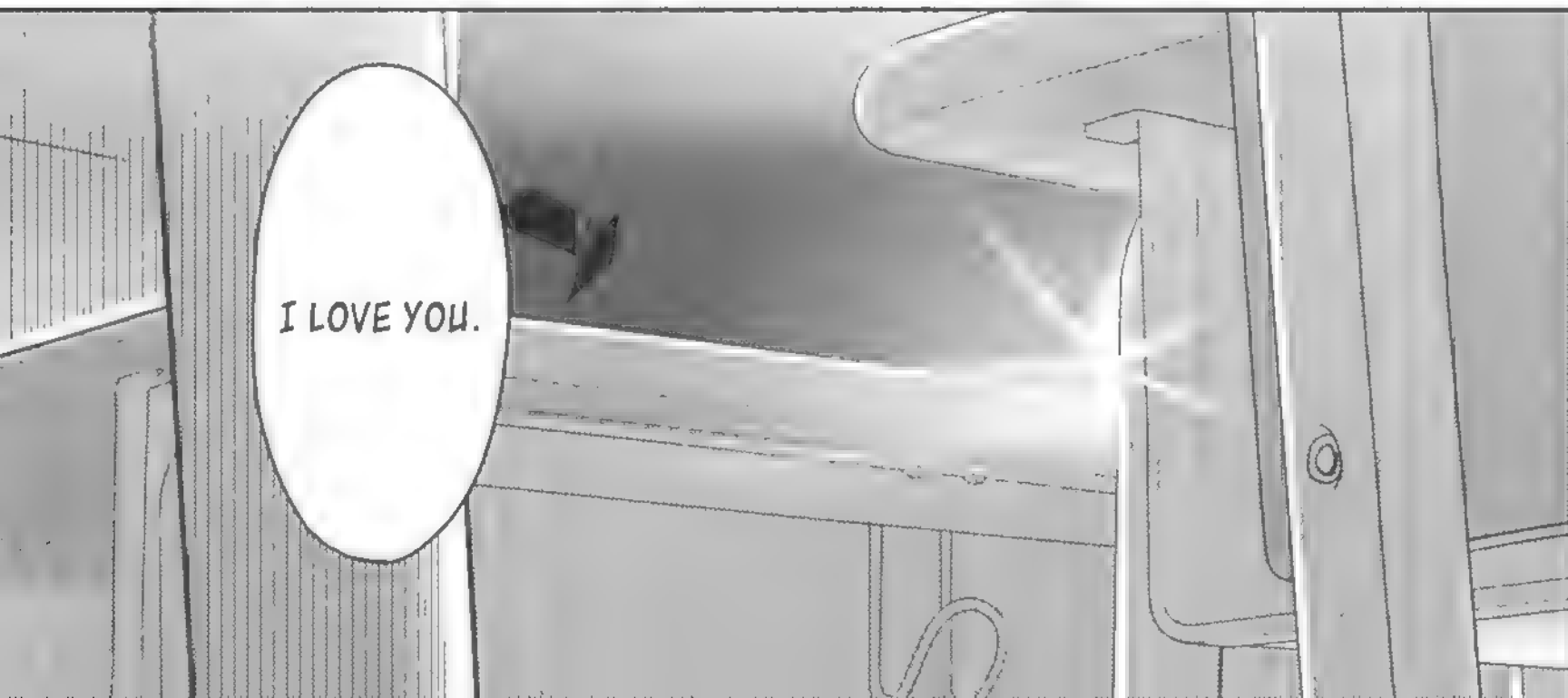








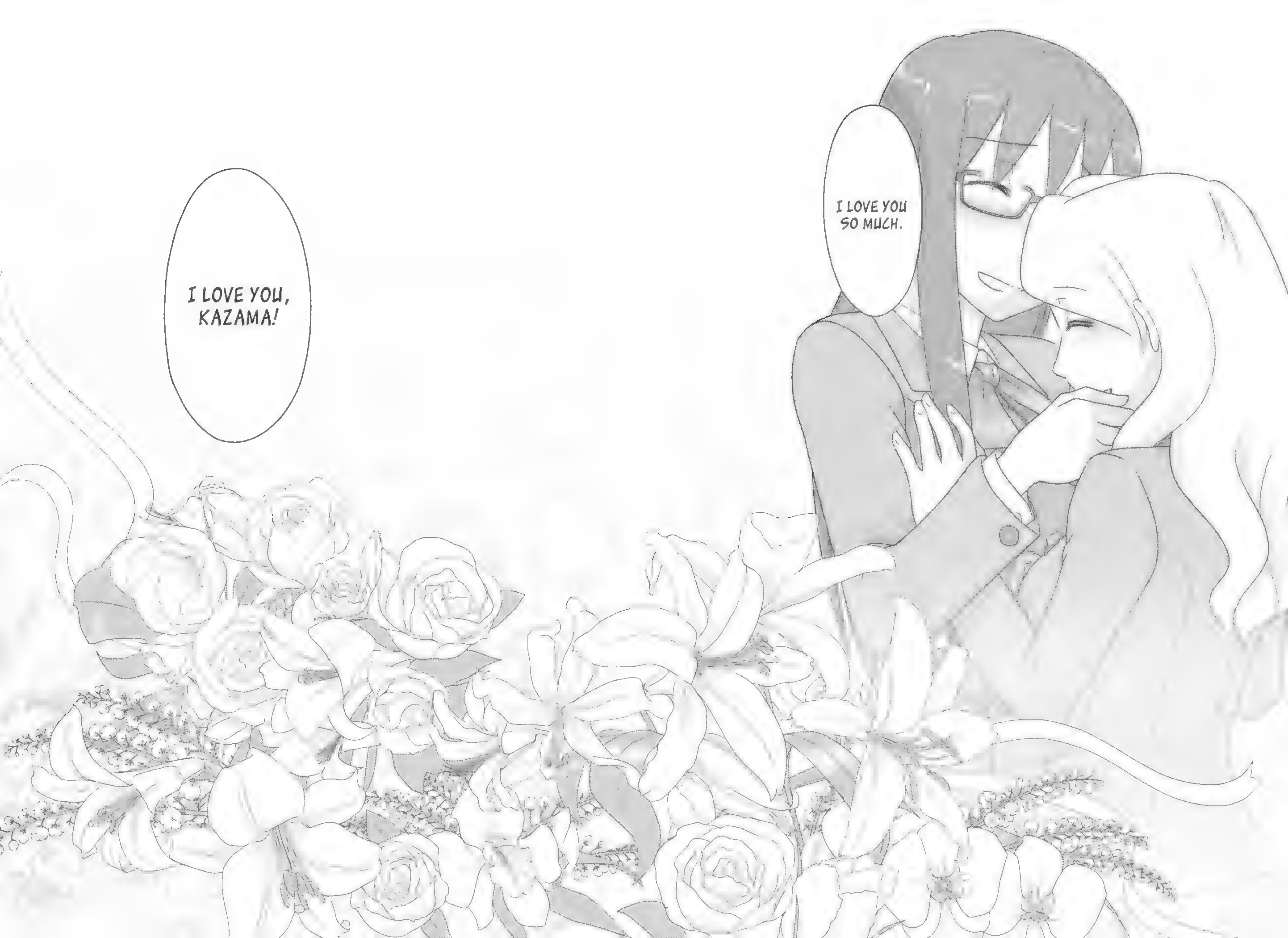


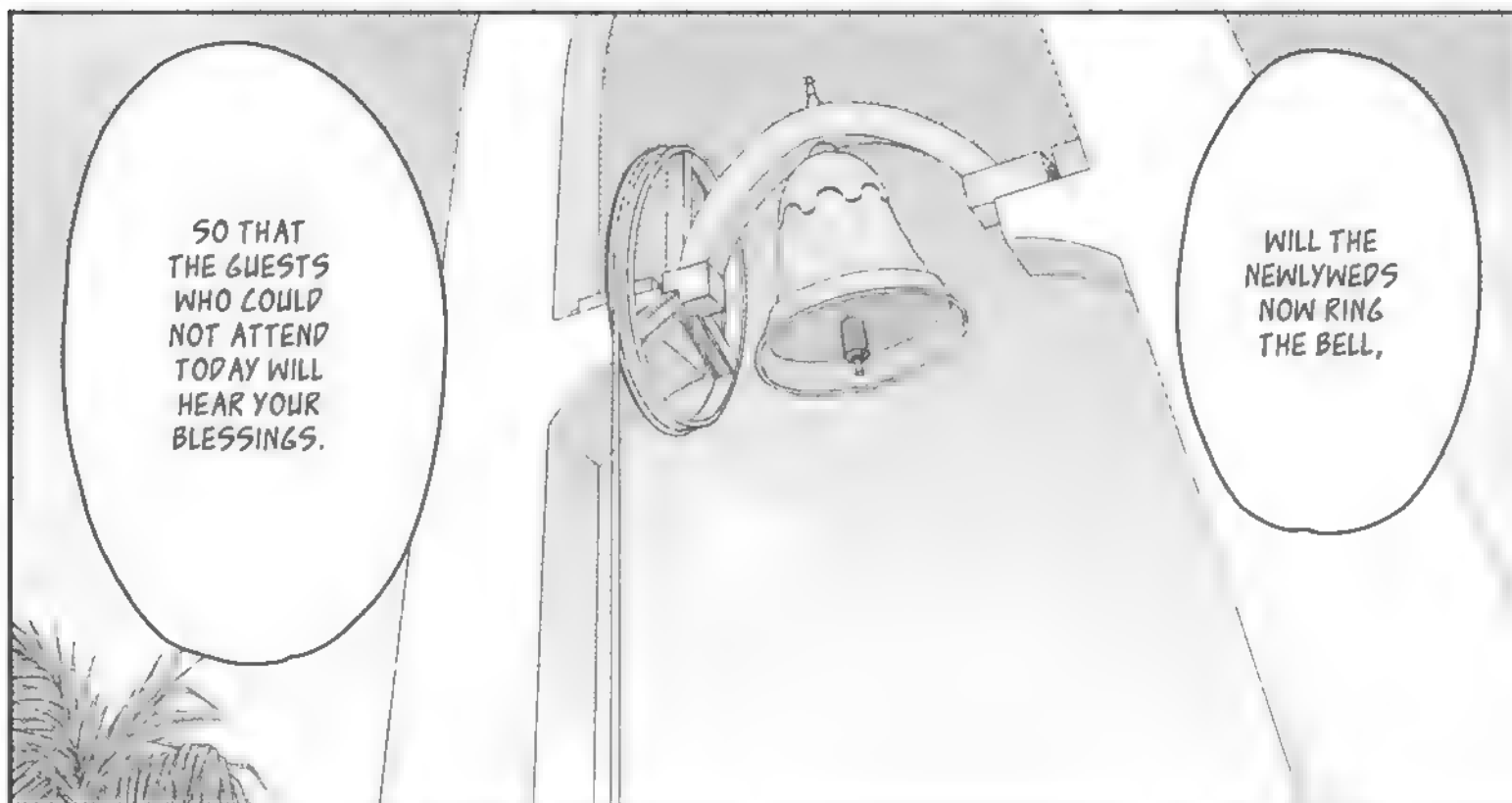


I LOVE YOU.

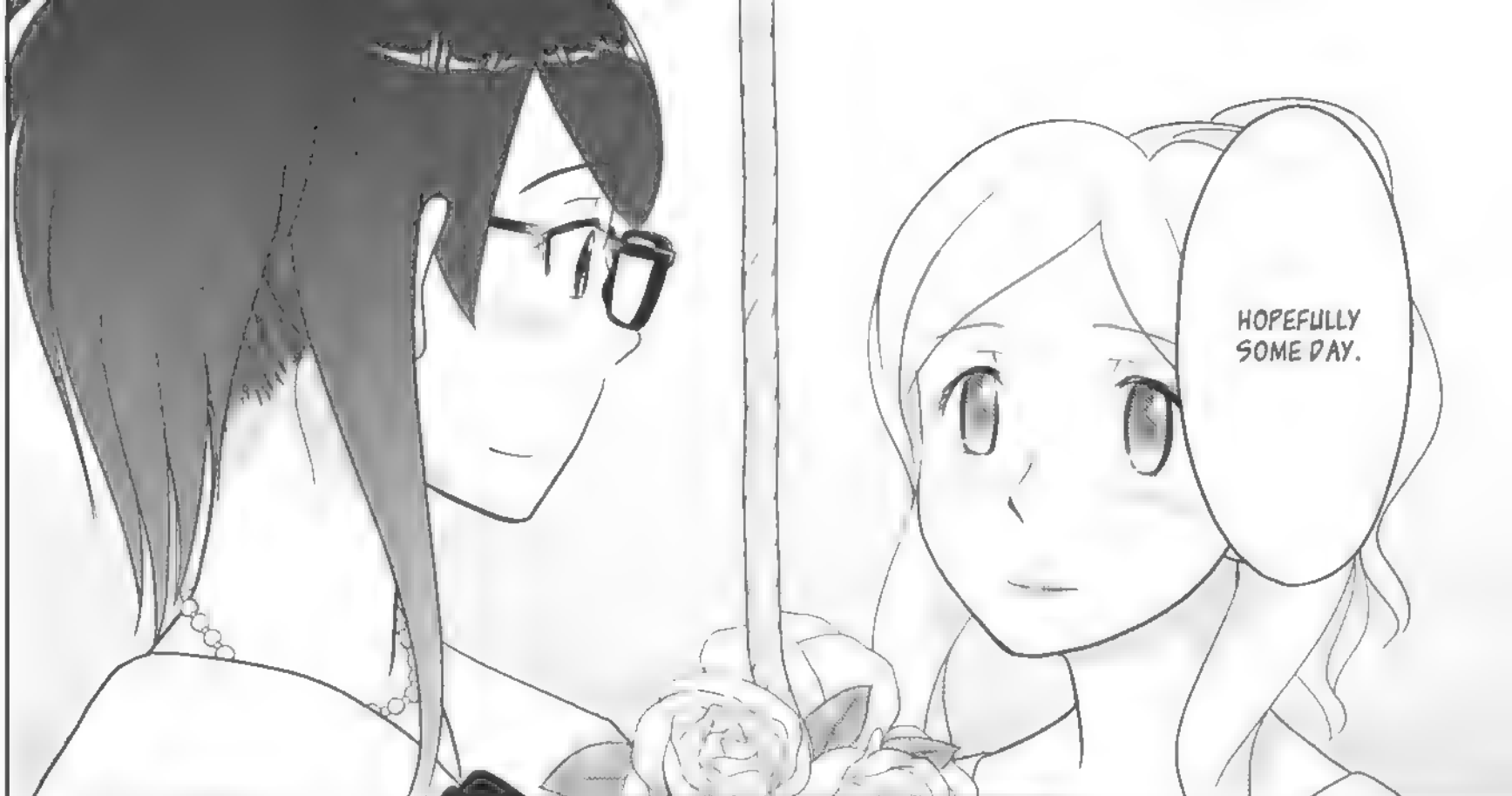
I LOVE YOU,
KAZAMA!

I LOVE YOU
SO MUCH.



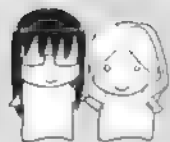


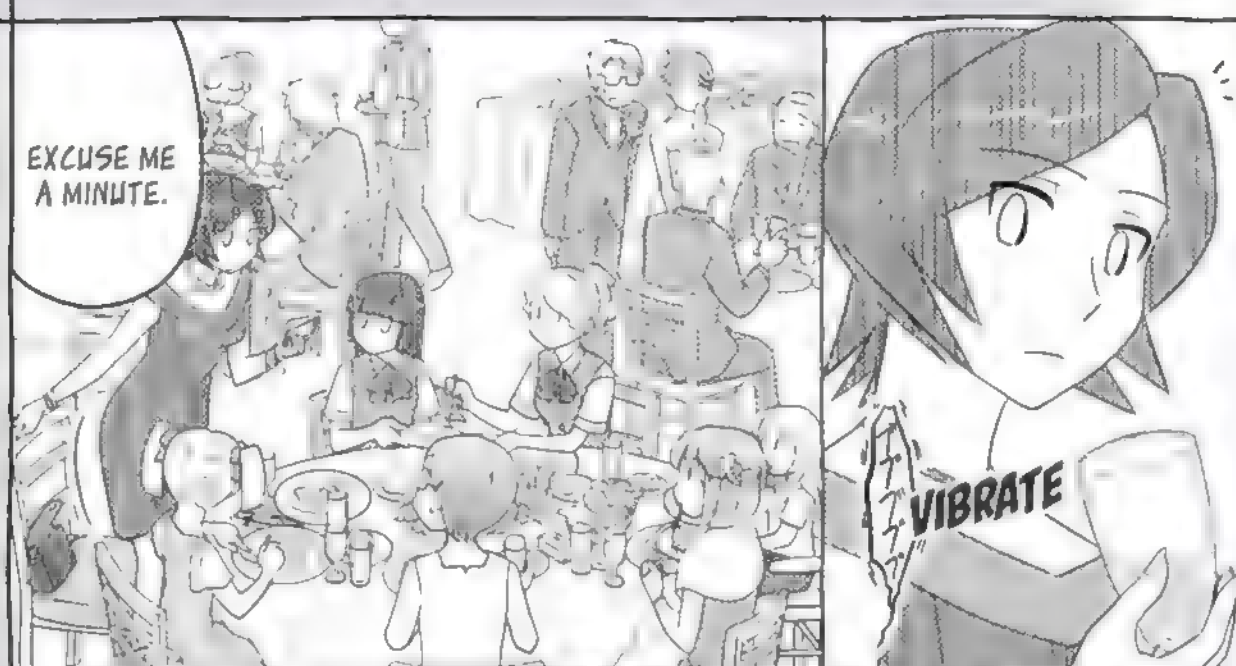




HOPEFULLY
SOME DAY.







大蛇足の2

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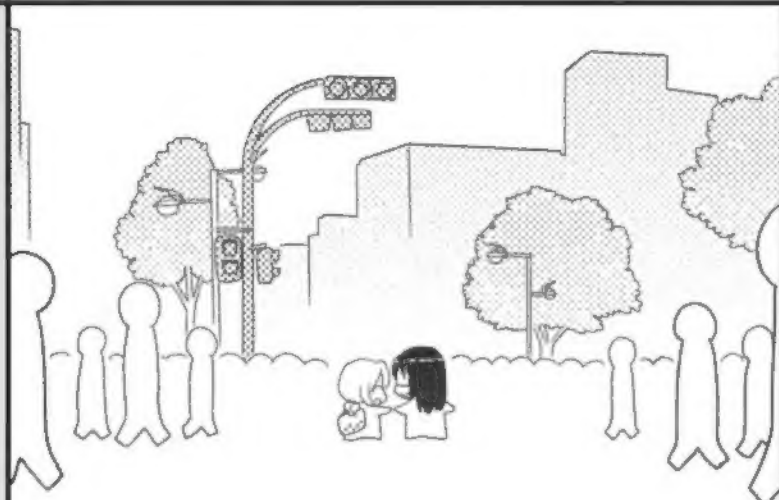
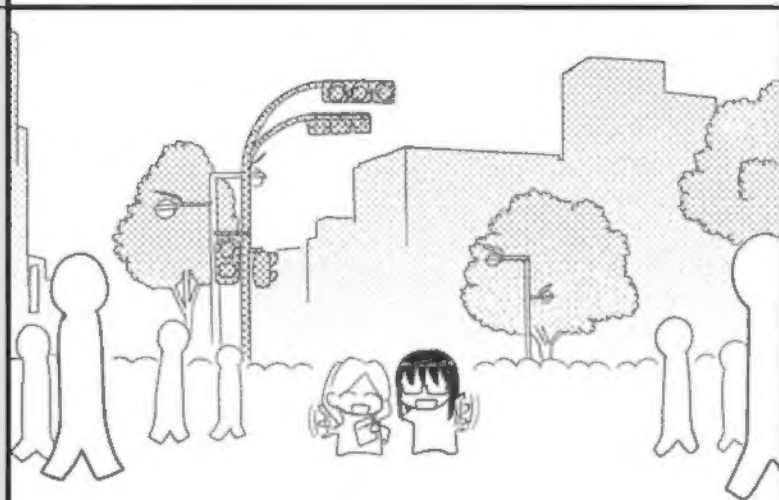
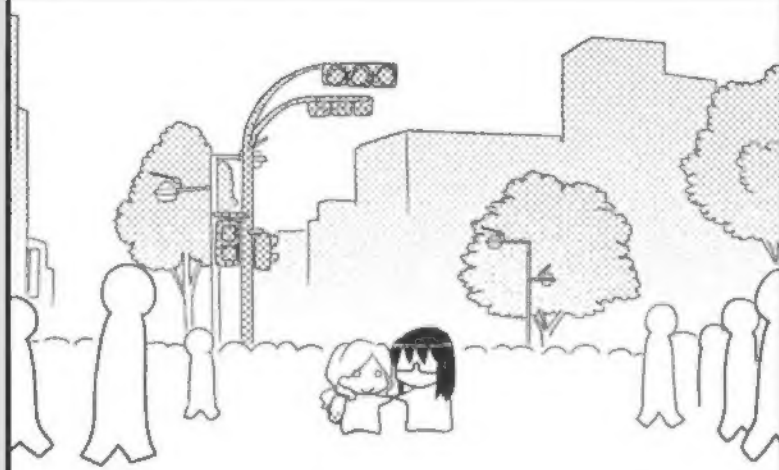
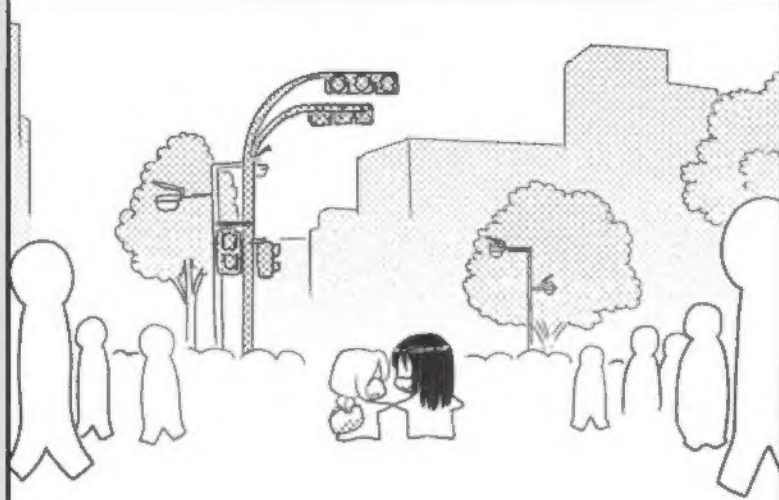
大蛇足の3

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EXTRA EXTRA#4





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